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THE FRESHET.

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Noon! and no fleecy cloud
Is drifting in the sky;
The breeze hardly whisper loud,
As they float idly by;
Silence broods upon the hills,
The changing forest fills,
And mingles with the flow of the soft-gliding rills.

Eve! and the arching skies,
In robes of glory drest,
Are gorgeous with the myriad dies
That stain the golden west;
Still the shifting purple gleams
Color the flowing streams;
The broad sun shines like fire beneath the sun's red beams.

But not a single star
Rises to gem the night;
The pale moon from her cloud-veiled car,
Sheds not a beam of light;
Sweeping swiftly to the shore,
The sullen surges roar;
And the dark shades of storm are gathering more and more!

The rising waters swell,
The rivers overflow,
The mountain streams, through field and fell,
In foaming torrents go;
And by the earliest ray,
That brings the golden day,
The sleeper's humble home the waters sweep away.

'Quick, quick, my boy, thy hand!'
The falls are yawning near;
But they will safely reach the land,
For the child knows not fear;
And the ever-living Power,
That bade the storm to lower,
Will shelter them and save at this most awful hour!

From Atkinson's Casket.

DOCTOR MAC BRIDE;

Or, the Fortunes of the Poor Adelaide.

BY THE MILFORD BARD.

Ah, say not virtue's path is steep,
And all who enter there must weep;
For they alone, can truly know
The joys that from affection flow
To them alone—the joy is given
To taste on earth the hopes of Heaven;
And know there is an arm to save
Beyond the confines of the grave.

There is no man, says Dr. Johnson, so vicious as not to possess some virtue, and none so virtuous as not to be stained by some vice. The following narrative will exemplify the above aphorism, and show how opposite principles and passions may sway the same heart alternately, and how evil propensities may follow the commission of the most benevolent deeds.

It was at that epoch of American history, when the torch of civil war was about to be lighted in these colonies, when the ship Hampden was fitted out at Portsmouth, in England, to bear some officers and despatchers to these shores. Among the passengers necessary to be known, was a Mr. St. John Clare, his lady, a remarkable handsome woman, and their little daughter, Adelaide St. Clare, six or eight years of age. There was also a young lady among the cabin passengers habited as a nun, and said to be of the Franciscan order, who was moody and reserved in her habits, and but seldom heard to speak. A young Scotsman was also among the number, whom they called Dr. Mac Bride, of an eccentric and original cast, who always believed if he got the last word in an argument that he was triumphant in the controversy, and never would give up the point he had once delivered, though it was proven by mathematical demonstration to be wrong. His creed was to do unto others as they did unto him, though he did not act always up to that, and his favorite maxim was, that "a man are honest till they are tempted free the guide path." Dr. Mac Bride, though but little beyond the age of legal maturity, was a man of extensive learning and acquirements, and was possessed of talents of no ordinary order. He was master of the classics, conversed fluently on the philosophy of the ancient Greeks, and was versed in the literature of every age and country.

The ship was now ready to sail. Those who have never witnessed the parting of friends on such an occasion, know little of the feelings of mingled hope and fear, and of the anguish of separation. The sailors were silently shaking hands with their wives, while a big tear was shy wiped away. Many friends were crowding down to bid, perhaps, an eternal farewell to those of the passengers whom they had long loved, and to whom they were bound by the ties of blood. Some embraced each other and wept in frantic grief, while others, with a fixed melancholy look, gazed long and sorrowfully in the faces of their friends, as though they were fearful that the ship would bear away from them the remembrance of their features. Some of the passengers were emigrants, who never expected to return, or tread again the shores which had so long been familiar to their youthful eyes, and which held the dust of their consecrated sires. To these parting was doubly painful, for if the ocean spared them, time would not, and their graves would be in a far foreign land, unseen and unwept over by the friends they were leaving. A thousand ideas crowded into their minds, they thought of the vast unbounded ocean where a single plank alone would separate them from their grave—they thought of storm and tempest, and the black billows, and of the far forest to which they were journeying—where the howl of the wolf and panther, and the yell of the still more savage Indian would, perhaps, break in upon their repose, when midnight glittered with the burning cabin of the defenceless pilgrim. Such were the musings of those who stood on the deck, after the first burst of feeling had subsided. All on board were surrounded by their friends, save Mr. St. John Clare and his exquisitely beautiful wife and daughter. None came to bid them farewell, and *their* eyes alone were dry in the farewell scene.

The parting was over—the weeping friends had left the deck to gaze upon the receding ship as she bore from their embrace the beloved of their hearts, the breeze was curling the white waves, and bearing the lofty bark over the bosom of the unbounded ocean. As the ship gracefully moved off, each moment increasing her speed, every eye on board, save that of St. John, was turned tearfully towards the fast receding shores of their native land. As one object disappeared in the dim distance, the greedy eye was fixed upon another—and thus they stood till the shades of night shut out from their view, every trace of old England. All then retired to muse upon the past, and meditate upon the unbounded future before them, while memory busied herself in treasuring up every moment and memorial of affection. Every tongue was silent, save that of Dr. Mac Bride, who was ever moralizing on events, and fitting his aphorisms to circumstances. Ever and anon he applied to his snuff box his tortoise-shell and thumb, and after regaling his olfactory nerves plentifully, dealt the while in maxims and comparisons.

"Parting with old England," said he, "is like the soul when it takes leave o' the body, and wad fain look back on the receding things o' life ere which it must part."

The passengers were not long in discovering that Mr. St. John was an unhappy man; and Dr. Mac Bride soon made the discovery which all concurred in, that Mrs. St. John Clare was extremely beautiful, and every way worthy to be beloved. Her husband seldom spoke of his time spent in the world, and seldom was seen in conversation with his wife. On the tenth night of the voyage, he was surprised sitting at her side in the ladies' cabin with her hand in his, and both weeping. He was heard to exclaim, in a manner of deep anguish and rend great wretchedness—

"Oh! it had been far better had it never happened, for anguish and disappointment, doubt and despair, have alone been my attendants since that fatal hour."

"Say not so," returned the beautiful wife, "the fault has been mine as well as thine."

The conversation here ended; and no one knew the import of those ominous words which had been spoken. St. John walked the deck all night with folded arms, apparently lost to every thing around him. The amiable disposition of the little Adelaide, was the heart of Dr. Mac Bride; and she spent much of her time upon his knee, listening to his moral precepts and stories of auld Scotia. She was a lovely child, inheriting the Grecian cast of features that distinguished her mother, and also the outlines of her exquisite form. The child became attached to Dr. Mac Bride from the same cause that the Scotsman was and every day she walked the deck with him, or sat under the shadow of a sail, to mark the evening sun as he went down in an ocean of gold, or to listen to the Scottish songs which the Doctor sang to her in the sickness of his native tongue. At such moments the man, who called herself sister Agnes, would linger near apparently to listen, gazing the while with a fixed and melancholy stare on the features of the child.

It was a fair bright morning in June, the ship had been at sea fourteen days. The sun was just rising as a solid ball of fire; the broad bosom of the waters was calm, and a soft south breeze only tanned the cheeks of those, who, after breakfast, were lounging about on the quarter deck. The sailors were talking among themselves, and predicting stormy weather, from the great calm which had continued twenty-four hours. Dr. Mac Bride was just ascending the narrow way of the cabin, in search of little Adelaide, when the awful cry of "a child overboard," passed from one to another all over the ship. The little Sco ssman sprang to the side of the ship, and saw the favorite, Adelaide, in eminent danger. Her clothes filled with air, bore her upon the surface of the water; but the greatest danger was from a monsterous shark which was rapidly approaching its prey. A breath-less horror held all on board inactive, save Dr. Mac Bride, who seized a small sword that lay on the poop of the vessel, and with one bound sprang overboard. The passengers of Adelaide brought her mother on deck, when she seeing the awful situation of her child, swooned and fell in the arms of Captain De Lancy. Every eye was fixed on the huge monster of the deep as it rolled along towards the child, and expected every moment that his awful jaws would be extended to take in the fair form of the lovely child. But at the very moment that Dr. Mac Bride rescued Adelaide, the shark turned upon its side to give the fatal wound, which he saw, and reared the opportunity as he drew her from the spot, to plunge the sword into its body. The shark felt the wound and wheeled off, enduring the clear water with his blood. In the meantime, the horrified spectators made many ineffectual attempts to throw a rope, and at last succeeded, which Dr. Mac Bride manfully made fast round the body of Adelaide. Scarcely had he accomplished his object, ere the shark reappeared accompanied by another. The alarmed sailors drew upon the rope; and the wounded fish, as though shy of his antagonist, followed the child. Just as they were raising her from the water, the shark made a desperate plunge, with extended jaws, and every one on deck screamed with terror; for they expected the child would be bitten in two; but at that moment, the Scottish hero plunged his weapon to the hilt down the creature's throat, which grabbed in death and snapped the sword. It sunk immediately, and a shout rose from the ship; but it was of short duration, for they saw the second shark within a few feet of the almost exhausted hero. The child was drawn up, and restored to the frantic mother's arms; and the sailors were busily employed in launching one of the ship's boats. They would, however, evidently be too late, and the only alternative for the Doctor was to fight again or perish, and become the prey of one of the most voracious of all the demons that swim the deep. He *did* fight, for he drew from his pocket a long Spanish knife, which opened with a spring, thrust it into the side of the fish, then diving under it, plunged the knife to the hilt in the animal's abdomen. He, however, lost his hold, and the shark wheeled away with the knife still in the wound. The shark now appeared more desperate, and the daring hero evidently would have lost his life, had not the sailors launched the boat without further delay. A few minutes more would have sealed his doom, for he was defenceless and in a state of exhaustion. The boat reached him at the moment he was about to sink from his loss of blood, for in the contest he had cut an artery in his hand. He was taken on board, amid the congratulations of all the crew and passengers, save the solitary sister Agnes and Mr. St. John Clare. They alone were silent, while all the rest were rejoicing and praising the valour of the dauntless hero. A fever followed—and Dr. Mac Bride was confined for several days, attended by the fair little Adelaide, whose heart, though young, was grateful to the man who had rescued her from a horrible death.

When the generous Scotsman had recovered, he was anxious to know how the child came overboard, as it seemed to him impossible that she could have fallen over. The child had been so alarmed that she had forgotten everything, save that she was standing by the nun, sister Agnes, and it seemed as if some one pushed her over, or as if something fell against her. Many on board believed the nun to be partially deranged, for she had been seen frequently weeping and acting in a very strange manner. Some believed her guilty of pushing the child overboard, and imagined that she had committed some dread deed in the Convent, and had fled from the punishment that awaited her. To all their enquiries concerning her former history she was silent, and pertinaciously refused to answer whether she was guilty of the last named deed or not. Mystery still shrouded the heartless and hellish act.

On the last night of June, all had retired to rest, save the necessary watch on deck, and slumber was fast stealing over their senses, when the awful cry of "murder" proceeded from the birth in which Mr. St. John Clare was sleeping. Several rushed to the birth, and found him sitting upright, his eyes glaring with terror, and declaring that he had been seized by the throat by a delicate hand, and that he felt a weapon as he grasped his antagonist. Suspicion immediately fell upon the nun; but in repairing to the lady's cabin they found her fast asleep in a birth opposite to that in which Mrs. St. John Clare slept. As St. John was a singular and abstracted being, it was suggested that he had been dreaming—or that it was the effect of fancy or a morbid mind, though he firmly main ained that it was the truth and no fiction.

The excitement after some hours subsided, and all retired to rest, save St John, who walked the deck all night. The next day many enquiries were made, but no information elicited, and the matter was treated as a fiction, and promptly laughed into oblivion. The next night came—the circumstance was forgotten, and all retired to rest as usual, save Mr. St. John Clare, who resolved on spending the night on deck. About the middle watch of the night, the cry of female distress was heard, and a rush was made to the ladies' cabin, where the beautiful Mrs. St. John Clare was found weltering in her blood, having been stabbed with a dagger while asleep. The fatal instrument had been drawn from the sheath of which, were found in faint characters, the initials J. C. It was supposed at first, from her having been seen in tears the evening previous, that she had herself committed the rash deed; but it was finally agreed that the dagger belonged to Mr. St. John Clare, as the initials stood for no other name, save that of his wife, Josephine St. John Clare, and she solemnly declared that the hand which swayed the dagger was not her's. It was proven by the watch on deck, that her husband had been in the cabin but a short time before, and that his manner appeared wild and distressed. It was proven that the nun had not been in her birth that night, and that she ran with others into the cabin when the alarm was given. Mrs. St. John Clare testified that she could not see the person; but that the arm which struck the blow had on it either a glove or a woman's dress sleeve—she could not distinguish which in the dark. It was found that St. John Clare was in his shirt sleeves, and that Sister Agnes wore no sleeves at all. As a further proof, it was found that St. John Clare's shirt sleeves had on it a stain like that of blood. All believed him guilty; and he was accordingly loaded with irons and secured.

Every heart melted with sorrow, as the passengers stood round and gazed on the beautiful sufferer who lay bleeding before them. Her luxuriant hair was scattered in curls over her ivory arms and her bosom white as snow; and her face was pale, like rose leaving fled from her cheek; but she did not appear alarmed at her awful situation. She calmly disposed her fascinating form and crossed her small white hands to die, as the spectators turned from the sufferer in tears.

"Oh, what an unfortunate, what an unhappy woman I have been," she exclaimed, when all had left her but Dr. Mac Bride, whom she looked upon as her only friend—"but death will soon put a period to my wanderings and my woes, and free me from the anguish and regret which have so long preyed upon my heart. Little do the parents of my youth know the situation of their dying daughter. They are now, perhaps, revelling in their sumptuous and princely halls in England, while their poor forsaken and undone daughter passes on the border of the grave, far, far from her native land and the scenes of her happy childhood. Oh that I were now the gay and giddy girl I was when I wandered in my native groves and the park of Woodland Abbey, ere love had won my heart, and charmed me from the abode of peace. And has been my fate and that of my unfortunate sister."

Dr. Mac Bride turned his face from the highborn and beautiful sufferer and dropped a tear. She marked it with a look of gratitude, and taking his hand between both her's, continued—

"You have saved my darling child, and have thereby not only entitled yourself to my eternal gratitude, but to my confidence and esteem. I shall therefore confide to you the story of my misfortunes, which you see will soon terminate in your presence, here on the lonely ocean, far from the scene of their commencement, where I spent some of the happiest and some of the most miserable moments of my life. Sir Charles Bland, who still resides during a part of the year at his seat, called Woodland Abbey, in the neighborhood of London, is my father. He had two daughters, myself and Clara, on whom he lavished every fond mother that wealth could command. We grew up to the age of fifteen, for we were twins and were remarkable for our gentleness of disposition and mildness of temper. My father determined on sending me as well as my sister to a famous school in London, conducted by a French lady, Mademoiselle d'Aranville. I had not been long at school, ere I was introduced to a youth of nineteen, Sir Jean Clare, to whom I soon became attached, and who loved me with a devotion which death alone could have obliterated. A year of unalloyed happiness passed away, when Mad moiselle d'Aranville introduced two gentlemen, the one Mr. St. John Clare, and the other, my sister Clara, and the former made a proposal to Mademoiselle d'Aranville, who gave them every opportunity to see us, and urged us to accept of their offers of marriage, dwelling on the cruelty of parents and the pleasures of a stolen elopement. Vows of unalterable attachment had passed between Sir Jean Clare and myself, yet in an evil moment, and while he was absent from London, I and my sister were prevailed upon to accept the proposals of two men who were represented to be rich and accomplished. My father's return was at hand, and we determined upon the measure, as it would bring immense supposed wealth into the family. It was on a beautiful moonlight evening, in summer, that we was led from London to Bath, where the ceremony was to be performed. When we arrived everything appeared to be in readiness, and in a few minutes the vows were over, which wedded us both to misery. Never shall I forget the hour when our horses drew up at Woodland Abbey. The gates of our paternal home were closed against us, and a servant, the nurse of our infancy, informed us with tears in her eyes, that we were danmerd and forever disowned; and that we could cross the threshold no more. Oh, I would have given a thousand worlds to have fallen at the feet of my mother and begged her forgiveness. We turned away with tears from the home of childhood, now closed forever against us. We were soon informed that our elopement had created great sensation in London; and that Sir Jean Clare was so incensed that he had determined to take our lives at first sight. In mortification we turned to the North of England, and there settled down in poverty, for our dreams of wealth had vanished. Legendre and my husband followed the business of smugglers, trading with Holland and France—and here two or three years of wretched suspense ensued, every moment dreading a discovery. But there was a discovery to be made infinitely more agonizing. Legendre in his trip to France, had paid his addresses to a young girl in Calais, possessed of considerable fortune; and the story now came to my sister's ears, that her marriage with Legendre was but a hoax, and that the priest who performed the ceremony was made for the occasion, and consequently that he marriage was null and void. The conviction flashed upon my brain that I too had been the dupe of a designing man, and frenzy seized me. I flew to my husband and implored him to tell me all, but he refused, till worn out with importunity he confessed that we had both been deceived, and that neither marriage was binding. Oh, God! who can conceive the anguish of that hour! Legendre was preparing to leave Clara, on his travel to London, and thence to Calais, where he was immediately to marry Mademoiselle Antoinette Le Bondoire. Despair sat upon the brow of my sister, and distraction gleamed from her eyes; for she had been passionately attached to Legendre. The timid, the gentle and confiding Clara was instantly transformed into a heroine. She knew the road Legendre would take, and leaving town, she secreted herself among the foliage and shrubbery which skirted the bank of a mill-dam. She had been there but an hour, when she saw him approaching in single carriage, alone. At the moment the horse came opposite to the spot on which she lay concealed, she sprang forward, levelled a pistol, and without saying a word, fired. The ball penetrated the victim's breast; the horse reared and plunged, and wheeled the carriage off the dam, and threw Legendre into deep water, where the spark of life that remained to him was extinguished. Calmly she returned to her own home, locked herself in her room, and put an end to her own existence with a second pistol. In looking over the papers of the deceased, the authorities discovered that he had been a smuggler of contraband goods; and my husband fearing a like discovery concerning himself, fled to London, taking me and this child with him. Scarcely had we arrived in London, ere we heard that the Baronet, Sir Jean Clare, was in pursuit of us, and my husband supposing that he had heard of his introduction, in Mr. L——, he found a friend, who informed him that he was engaged extensively as a shipping merchant, and concluded by offering him a clerkship worth a thousand dollars a year. He immediately accepted the offer, and entered next day upon the duties of his station. Every day he became more attached to the little being who had several times been indebted to him for life; and he now determined to give her the advantages of an education, which a saving course of life would enable him to do. Mrs. Lemoune, the lady with whom Adelaide boarded, recommended him to a boarding school kept by her sister, in a town up the Hudson river. One year after their arrival in New York, Dr. Mac Bride set out with her to the boarding school, and found considerable difficulty in tearing himself from her, so completely had he become bound in her fate and fortunes. Adelaide wept and wept; but the buoyancy of youth of course would soon bear her above sorrow, as her great beauty soon became the admiration of all; and her gentle manners won for her the esteem of the whole school.

Year after year passed away, and on a certain day every year Dr. Mac Bride paid her a visit. Every year he found her growing in loveliness and beauty as she grew in years. She had been at school three years, when Dr. Mac Bride finding his income too small for his expenditure, determined on settling himself in the practice of his profession. The death of a wealthy relative, who had lived with him as a confidential mate, opened the way to success, and by attention and a polite address, he soon found himself possessed of his friend's practice. The unremitted attention which his increasing practice required, prevented him from paying his usual visits to Adelaide, though he was constantly supplied with letters, which were highly flattering, the penmanship and composition being evidence of her high degree of improvement. Four years passed, during which time he had not seen her. She had acquired all the solid branches of female education and the accomplishments considered most elegant. Her guardian was anxious to see her release from the arduous duties of his profession, to repair to the boarding school of Mrs. Mervin, and return with his charge to New York. He accordingly took passage on board a packet, and arrived in the afternoon of the next day at the school of Mrs. Mervin. Adelaide was sitting in the parlor when the little Adelaide, for he did not once think of her but as the little girl whom he had last seen some years before. Every moment he expected to see the gay little Adelaide bounce into the room, and throw herself into his arms. At last the door opened, and a tall, graceful figure entered, bowing and blushing in all the witchery of beauty, so like her murdered mother, that the scene of the shipwreck immediately arose to memory. She advanced, placed her small white hand in his, which trembled with emotion, and seated herself beside him. For a few minutes neither spoke—the tide of memory rolled back upon their hearts, and when he looked up, tears were trembling in the dark eyes of Adelaide. Pleasurable indeed were the sensations of the generous Mac Bride, when he merely gazed upon her extraordinary beauty and elegance, and thought that he had been to her a father and a brother. A beautiful woman is the only thing in nature that we never tire in gazing at; and Dr. Mac Bride found it to be so, for he could not divert his eyes a moment from the form and features which had become proverbial in the village for their exquisite loveliness.

In conversation with Mrs. Mervin, Dr. Mac Bride learned that Adelaide had been addressed some time by a man, who, she supposed to be an Englishman by birth, and that she had put her uncle on his guard in regard to his character. She concluded by speaking in the highest terms of Adelaide's conduct and acquirements during her stay at the school, and wishing her every happiness that so gentle and so generous a disposition had earned. Here they parted, and Dr. Mac Bride returned to New York with the beautiful girl, who felt indebted to his bravery for life, and to his generosity and liberality for all those accomplishments which rendered her the charm of society. Of her accomplishments, it is only necessary to say that she played with exquisite taste on the piano—she sang and painted well, conducted herself with a dignity of no mean pretensions, considering her youth.

She had not been long at the residence of Dr. Mac Bride in New York, when a knocking was heard one evening at the door. She opened it, and held to her astonished and delight, Henry Marland, the gentleman who had addressed her while at school, stood before her. He spent the evening in her presence, and was introduced to her brother, as she said called Dr. Mac Bride. Day after day he called upon her, and every day attended her to some place of amusement or pastime. Every day Dr. Mac Bride liked him less and less; and he would have spoken of it to Adelaide, had he not feared that it sprang from jealousy, for he had had very angular feelings ever since he had secreted for her. On the ninth day several of the crew died—and on the tenth Dr. Mac Bride and Adelaide alone remained in the birth. In throwing the men overboard, he discovered a hurdle under one of the seats, which on opening, he found to contain bread, meat and a small bottle of wine. The bundle had been thrown on board in the confusion and forgotten. The grateful Scotsman bowed down on his knees, and offered up thanks to that Being who had thus unexpectedly placed in their way, the means of lengthening out life a few days longer. In small messes he at first fed the famishing child, and gave her a sole le at first lest it should prove too much for her low dropsy of wine. She revived, and once more looked up into his face with gratitude. The twelfth day dawned, and so he gazed over the boundless space, his eye rested on a white speck on the verge of the horizon, and hope revived in his bosom; but the next moment it had disappeared, and left him to despair. An hour after he cast his eyes in the same direction and plainly saw a sail, which every moment came more into view. His heart leaped with joy; and he took the white handkerchief from the neck of Adelaide, and hoisted it on the end of an oar. In the course of an hour or two, the solitary boat was observed by those on board, and a boat was hoisted out, manned and sent to their rescue. They were carried on board the British brig Anphion, bound to New York, by the officers of which, they were treated with the greatest kindness. The story of their sufferings, and the history of the charming Adelaide, brought tears into the eyes of many who gathered round to gaze upon her, and to pity her misfortunes. There is nothing in the world which enlists our sympathies like female suffering—nothing which melts the heart like the sorrows of a beautiful woman.

After the usual delays of bond winds and calms, the brig arrived at New York, and the hero youth, Dr. Mac Bride, awoke to a sense of his singular situation. He was about to set his foot upon the shore of a foreign land, where all were strangers to him, with but little in his purse to supply his own wants, while his sympathies and manly feelings demanded of him protection and support for Adelaide, the orphan, whose mother had found a grave in the dark bosom of the deep. He descended to the cabin, and found her weeping in the loneliness of grief.

"What means those tears my pretty Adelaide?" asked the generous Scot, taking her by the hand.

"I weep," returned the forlorn child, "because I am in the world alone, with none to protect me."

"Can any man," exclaimed Dr. Mac Bride, mentally, "be so lost to the charms of virtue and the loveliness of innocence, as to aim at the destruction of a creature at once so helpless and so beautiful? The savage that roams the forest, would regard her with pity and admiration—and shall I tamely see a villain creep into her affections like a serpent, and sting her soul? No, by all that is sacred, the last drop of my heart's blood shall flow in her defence, while this arm shall strike for injured innocence. She shall not fall unavenged."

He stood a moment, then stamped upon the floor with violence and exclaimed—

"The God of the helpless and innocent, has again deputed to me the honor of saving her from destruction, and I will save her, or perish nobly in the attempt. Death to the villain that dares to betray her."

Adelaide awoke at the sound of his voice—and Marland entered the room at the same moment.

"Villain," cried the enraged Dr. Mac Bride, "it ill befits a gentleman, to ensnare an innocent and lovely woman, and worthy of a demon to steal into the temple of virtue and rob it of its golden talisman."

"Not more ignoble than a jealous spirit," retorted Marland, with the downcast look of conscious guilt. "Take back those words, or your life shall pay the penalty of your insolence."

Dr. Mac Bride snatched a pistol from a desk, flew to the door, and opening it, said

"Begone, sir, and never let me see you cross this threshold again, or the doom you merit shall be yours."

Marland left the room, muttering vengeance. He considered himself a dead shot, and determined on challenging Mac Bride—"For," said he, "if he falls, the victim will be mine in all her charms." Accordingly, next morning, while Dr. Mac Bride was sitting at his breakfast table, reading to Adelaide the last newspaper, a man entered, and presented to him a folded paper. Adelaide turned pale with terror; but Dr. Mac Bride was a man unused to fear, and sent Marland word he would meet him at Hoboken, on "the dark and bloody ground," with pistols.

The sun was just rising in a cloudless sky, mirrorlike on the wild scenery of Hoboken. It was the morning on which they were to meet, and Adelaide was in a state of mind bordering on distraction. She fell upon her knees, and in the eloquence of nature, besought him for her sake, and implored him for his own, not to meet Marland.

"Oh, what will become of me," she exclaimed, in heartbreaking anguish, "should you fall upon the bloody field? Oh, whither should I fly for safety—and who would pity the poor heart broken Adelaide?"

"Fear not, Adelaide," exclaimed the heroic Mac Bride, "God will protect the innocent and defend the just cause, and protect the innocent and the injured. There is a monitor within me which assures me of safety."

The persons, and with his seconds, joined over to Hoboken, on the Jersey shore, where he calmly waited the approach of Marland. In the course of an hour he arrived, and in a manner which proved that his courage was supported by pride, called on his adversary to fire. He then offered the offensive words and ask pardon, or fall by his unerring arm.

"I shall disobey your orders," replied the brave Scot, coolly, "for two reasons—in the first place, I wadna be a coward, and in the second place, I am as sure a mun my as to fear that I should fall by your gun—and I wad fain see the end of sic pursuits and amusements; but still I wad run the risk, to free the world fae sic a villain. Gang on my lien, you'll get nae mair frae me."

The seconds now proceeded to make the necessary arrangements, and then placed the Doctor and his antagonist in their respective stations. The signal was given, and the report of the pistols, all almost, all Eternity! Such manœuvres as the Scot has in the Highlands—and the inscription every travelling bungs here with him, as it is written in his works.

It fell over the Doctor's side, and he reeled and, and when we were amid the Trossachs, I felt as if I were in America, for here—here, for the first time I saw American scenery. My heart beat as it did, when I hung over the Niagara River, or sailed down the Hudson in upper Canada Virginia, or as when I have trodden some of the wild solitudes of Maine, or the Provinces. Here was something such as it was "cracked up" to be. Well done! now might I fell over the Doctor's side, and not strike in them, but have to write that the Americans would not print half so many books, if they did not cod them in sport. There is some truth in this. I am inclined to think myself, but a man in an American must be a man, and a man, right or wrong—and as I could not make so good a fight in defence as in attack, I opened a battery upon him. "You have no right to fell upon him, to use the cat, you whose whole career of exploits is only into the land of Fenimore Cooper's House." A big country has a right to big words. You call the Thames a river. Why by one of our inland rivers New Orleans, the distance of the navigable stream, has been calculated at twenty-three times the distance of New York from Liverpool! He opened his eyes. We have ten thousand Teaucks in America. See the lions you make over one! Why, I begin to think now, a days, that you have no original ideas here. We give you the raw material, as we do our cotton, and you work them up—well too, I grant you, but you only work them up—put on the fringes and flounces. Come too! you never get behind the Indian in the first article, for example, whose intellect moves the world, whose voice make you start—whose word is thunder—and to embody your idea of such a man, you call him Brutus. Brutus with your only Brutus, in a clever! Clever! Why, you make your enthusiasm up beyond that everlasting word, clever. What milk and water English! Give me my own expressions, and keep your clever. Clever! Clever! Clever!

EPITOME OF THE TIMES.

Suicide.—The Coroner reports that Richard Bennett, an Englishman by birth, aged 36 years, committed suicide on Saturday night, at his lodgings in the American Hotel, by discharging two pistols, one on each side of his head, and lodging a ball from each in his brain; he expired instantly.

On motion of P. Oakford, Esq. Michael S. Roche was, on Saturday last, 14th inst. admitted to practice as an Attorney of the Court of Common Pleas, for the City and County of Philadelphia.

Dr. Hugh L. Hodge was on Saturday evening elected professor of Materia Medica, and of the diseases of women and children, in the University of Pennsylvania, in place of Dr. Dewees, who resigned on account of ill health.

A Mr. Isaac Maguire was accidentally killed in the vicinity of Newcastle, on Wednesday week. He fell from the shaft of a loaded wagon, and was crushed by the wheels.

Distressing Accident.—A little girl, aged nine years, named Caroline Hyner, daughter of James Hyner, of the Northern Liberties, while at the public school in Third above Brown street, on Tuesday afternoon, left the room, in the second story, to go of an errand. While descending the stairs, which are by no means steep, she was heard to fall, and the teacher (Mr. R. Kuehner) going to the head of the stairway, discovered the child at the foot, apparently much injured, and on taking her up, found her unable to speak. A physician and bleeder were sent for immediately, but their efforts proved unavailing. The child, in falling, had struck the back part of its head and fractured the skull. She expired in half an hour.

A coroner's jury was called, whose verdict was in accordance with the above fact.

Mr. William Burk, was on Monday evening, about 11 o'clock, met at the corner of Eleventh and Arch street by some persons, who knocked him down with a club and robbed him of his hat, pocket book, containing about twenty dollars, and an old silver watch. Mr. B. who lives, at No. 6 Norris's Alley, offers a reward of ten dollars for the recovery of his property.

The State Legislature will meet in Harrisburg on Tuesday the first of December. The inauguration of Mr. Ritner, the Governor elect, will take place on Tuesday, the 15th of December.

The northern lights were witnessed with admiration, by thousands of our citizens, on Tuesday night. They made a most brilliant appearance.

Sally Found.—Mrs. Royal announces, in her last paper, that her lost necessary, Sally, has returned to the Cabinet of the Fair Pry, safe and sound, but leaving the cause of her late absence still a mystery.

Duke W. Hutlins, the father of one of the gamblers hung at Vicksburg, has made a moving appeal for justice on those who he terms the "murderers of his son," to Governor Runnels of Mississippi. He appeals to the Governor to take the ordinary steps to bring those concerned to trial.

Appointment by the Governor.—Nathaniel B. Eldred, Esq. to be President Judge of the 18th Judicial District composed of the counties of Warren, J. Berson, Potter and M'Kean.

Appointment by the Governor.—Solomon Mason to be Prothonotary, Register and Recorder, Clerk of the Orphan's Court, and Clerk of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Bedford county, in the place of the Hon. Job Mann, resigned.

Appointment by the Canal Commissioners.—William Innes, to be Collector of Tolls for the Port of Easton, in the place of Calem Dunnberry, deceased.

Commencement of the New York and Erie Rail Road.—It is with feelings of the highest satisfaction that we announce the important intelligence, that the construction of this great work was commenced on the morning of the 15th November, by ploughing the first ground at sunrise, at the western extremity of section No. 200, on the Delaware River, in the village of Deposit.

There are 947 steam engines in France, possessing a force of 14,747 horse power—of these 144 were made abroad. A majority of all the engines are high pressure. There were on Jan 1, 1835, ninety five steam vessels, of which 82 are low pressure, and 59 of the whole are foreign.

It has recently been decided in Liverpool, that if a vessel does not put to sea at the time stipulated, emigrant passengers have a right to claim one shilling per day each, for every day's detention, agreeably to the 14th clause of the new passenger's regulation act.

A girl calling herself Mary Ross, died suddenly on Wednesday evening, in the southern part of the city. She was buried under the direction of the Coroner.—She had said that her relations lived in Salem county New Jersey.

The New Orleans American says that if a census was taken of that city in the winter, it would be found to contain one hundred thousand inhabitants.

Eagle Stage Line.—The mail stage from this place to the South, Hon. Charles Caldwell, contractor, left it place on Wednesday week, in an *air car*!—a bag of salt on one side, and the bag mail bag on the other—and the vacuum filled up with nations, like a Yankee whooper—"*long nose and short nose.*" That's the neat thing to a tail road. Encore—a negro's and a boy of the [illegible] Department in our presence a lubricous and huggerly spectacle, of the following announcation from the Little Rock Advocate, of the departure thence of the general mail, he true:

We learn (see the Commercial Herald,) that the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company have for some time past used Anthracite Coal exclusively for their locomotive engines. A ton and a half of coal takes a locomotive, we understand, with a train of cars, carrying 50 tons of freight, to the inclined plane, 42 miles, and brings back a train with 100 tons. Making the steam generated by one ton equal to the conveyance of 75 tons 56 miles. They have purchased this year from the Delaware Coal Company about 3000 tons.

The Apalachicola Advertiser informs us that the population of that place since the first of August has not averaged more than *seventy souls*, and of this number *thirty four* had fallen victims to the fever.—Not more than five persons who remain of there escaped disease.

A Capital Correspondent.—Williams, our quartermaster, is an eccentric character. He is reserved, and constantly receives letters from his absent rib; these, however, he never opens but keeps them all tied up.—On his return, he says, she can read them to him all of a lump.—*Aulaja's Visit to Constantinople.*

A storm winter predicted.—The Alexandria Gazette says, "Weather-wise folks predict that this will be a warm winter. It is said that the abundance of acorns, the growth of vegetables, and the weather up to this time are all prognostics of a winter the reverse of the last. We shall see.

"Mast," we believe, is a term applied to acorns in the south.

Among the amusements described as having recently taken place at Margate, we observe.

"Climbing up a greased pole, jumping in sacks, &c. A delicate entertainment followed: a man *naked*, except a scanty pair of drawers, ran about a ring jumping a hell, while several persons blindfolded endeavored to catch him. This performance, from its elegance and its display of much natural grace, was universally approved."

The Astor Hotel.—The New York Sun says: The land on which the Astor House stands is valued at 250,000 dollars, and nearly that sum has already been expended in the erection of the building. It will be finished next year.

Texas Volunteers.—Twenty seven volunteers left Mobile, on the 5th inst. for Texas, in the steamboat Watchman. A great concourse of citizens accompanied them to the wharf, and on the boat casting off gave them three cheers.

Prisoners Escaped.—The Jail of Washington co. Pa. was broken, by forcing a passage through the roof, and 4 prisoners escaped therefrom, on the night of the 5th inst. Their names are Alfred and William Kelly, (confined on an aggravated case of assault and battery) Joseph Frederick and Hugh L'Comte, for larceny.

Small Pox.—We are informed from a source entitled to the fullest credit, that a considerable number of deaths by small pox have recently occurred in this city, and that other cases are now existing. The seat of the disease is in Main street. Our weekly reports have only told us of a single case this week, and we are certain have been heretofore incorrect. The proper authorities should look to it.—*Long Island Star.*

Florida Wrecks.—"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." The wreckers of Florida, will pocket large profits from the calamities which have lately been taken the bold mariner on the coral reefs of that dangerous shore. The editor of the Tallahassee Florida, on who lately visited Key West, says, the shore is strewed with wrecks, and that the salvage will amount to near 200,000. Many lives were lost, several vessels sunk, with every soul on board. Among them 13 in the Frolic. The same editor requires most of those disasters to the absence of lights on our coast, or the existence of such as are seen only as dangerous decoys.

Look out for Illegal Voters.—At the recent election a stripling, apparently fourteen or fifteen years of age, presented himself at the polls as a voter. The Inspector said, "Young man, you don't pretend to be qualified to vote, do you?" "What, I guess I do, though," replied the young politician; "I've shaved at spell three three months back, or so." The reply created a loud laugh, and the imperiled telling him that he was too young a shaver to shave him, rejected his vote.

A Brother!—The Bangor Commercial relates, that Joseph Spencer, brother to the criminal who is now under sentence of death, immediately after the jury returned a verdict of guilty in his case, stepped up to one of the counsel and coolly asked him who he had was to look to for his fees for attending the court as a witness!

A Scene in Georgia.—A letter received at Augusta, from Milledgeville, under date of the seventh inst. says:—"To-day, in the House of Representatives, Messrs. Spencer Riley, and Baker, (the Dueling parts to agree) had a rencounter, in which Bishop shot Riley. The ball entered his side and passed out near the socket of the jaw bone. The wound was not considered dangerous."

A Long Contract.—Mr. J. Caldwell, proprietor and manager of the New Orleans Theatre, has extended his engagement till they have marched and countermarched, Hy; which city he has contracted to light with gas for thirty-nine years to come.

We learn that a murderer entered the house No. 133 south Sixth street, on Tuesday morning, and stole from the kitchen a number of silver tea spoons. Such robbers would do well to be on the alert, as we have heard of several instances of larceny of this description within a day or two.

The load mines in Wythe county, Virginia, yield annually from 150 to 200 tons.—The Abingdon Horsemen think the quantity would be much augmented, and also many other of the rich mineral resources of south western Virginia, in iron, salt, gypsum, marble, copper, &c. developed, if there were a rail road from thence to an eastern market.

A new composition for repairing roads is under trial in England. It is composed of asphaltum, slag, oxide of iron and lime, melted together in furnaces, and is called "bitumenous lava." It is said to be harder than granite.

The custom of eating goose at Michaelmas, is said to have originated from queen Elizabeth, having on her way to Tilbury Fort, dined on that dish, and her usual allowance of half a pint of Burgundy, on the very day the Spanish Armada was destroyed, which event she afterwards annually celebrated by a similar repast.

The National Intelligencer says—"Governor Lucas, of Ohio, has issued a proclamation, recommending to the good people of that State the object of the Washington National Monument Society, as one 'truly worthy of a grateful nation,' and deserving of their attention and aid. We hope his example will be followed by the Chief Magistrates of all the states."

United States Bank stock sold in New York on Saturday last, at 111½.

Monument to Perry.—A large number of patriotic citizens of Erie county recently held a meeting to take into consideration the propriety of erecting a monument to Commodore Perry.

Massachusetts.—From the returns received from this state, it is certain that Mr. Everett is elected Governor by a large majority.

The Remains of Chief Justice Marshall.—The Common Council of the city of Richmond lately passed some resolutions to be communicated to the family of the late Chief Justice, testifying their sense of the loss sustained by the country and by that city in particular, in his death, and requesting permission to erect a monument over his remains, at the expense of the city. This proposal the family of the deceased have left bound to decline. They say in reply to the communication of the Common Council, that their father, a short time previous to his dissolution, designated the spot at which he wished to be buried, described the tomb, and wrote an inscription to be placed on it, and that they had promised a strict compliance with the request.

It is stated in a Wheeling paper, that a bridge across the Ohio river will shortly be erected at that town—the whole amount of stock in a joint company necessary to effect that object having been promptly subscribed. The same paper furnishes the interesting information, that it is contemplated to construct a Railroad from Wellsville on the west branch of the Ohio river, to Freeport on Lake Erie. Wellsville is about thirty-five miles above Wheeling—and it is quite probable, that by the time the bridge is constructed, the contemplated railroad will not only be commenced, but far advanced—and a connecting road from Wellsville to the west end of the bridge either made or in progress.

Singular Lusus Naturæ.—In the Tarborough (N. C.) Press, there is a letter from J. Laurence, M. D. which speaks of a negro infant at his birth, "breathing full and easy, and at times crying strong, which though its body, limbs and face were well proportioned, and rather over the ordinary size, had no skull above a line drawn from the upper part of the nose by each ear, to a little above the joining of the neck and skull behind—so brain nor membranes. It was slightly excavated at the top and covered with a thin skin, a continuation of the common integuments, and there were a few sprigs of woolly hair on the back of its neck. The child lived thirty hours and some minutes, but it never sucked any thing."

Prentice Inns.—The editor of the Bangor Republican, in referring to an alleged distinction between the whigs and anti-masons, says "if any one can tell when the Devil and Sin were married." Yes—about nine months before the birth of the editor of the Bangor Republican.

The editor of the Advertiser charges us with being a poet. The charge is unjust. We have had nothing to do with the rhyming trade since he took it up. Our readers cannot have forgotten his famous couplet:

"As certain and sure as cats do sneeze,
"The moon is made of molasses and cheese,"

He is also supposed to be the author of the annexed couplet, which is hardly less famous than the above.

"The rail went down upon the water,
"A great deal further than it ought to.

Geographical Discoveries in Maine.—We have seen specimens of four different kinds of marble, together with several specimens of silver, lead, copper, and iron ores, lately discovered in Maine, and now exhibiting at the Mechanics Exchange in this city. We understand that a company with a capital of $600,000 had already been formed with a view to the immediate mining of these several quarries and beds. Our builders have an opportunity of getting some of this beautiful marble, &c. into use in this city.—*Mer. Adv.*

A curious wager was lately decided in France. Two men differed as to who could remain longest in the water. Both threw themselves into a running stream; and as the weather was hot, they found their positions at first rather agreeable than otherwise. After passing six hours, however one became a little fidgety, which [illegible] of course, [illegible] a quiet [illegible] not leave the water till the following morning. His opponent at once gave in.

Importation of Silk.—In a discourse lately delivered before the American Institute, it was stated that "there were annually consumed in the United States more silk than all the wheat, rye, oats, flaxseed, biscuit, potatoes and hops, which are exported will pay for, by nearly two millions of dollars." There is no doubt of the truth of the statement, and it furnishes a strong argument in favor of national encouragement to the culture and manufacture of silk which even sophistry cannot evade.

The Newcastle (Del.) Gazette invites the attention of capitalists to that town, "where ground is cheap, rents high, and buildings in great demand." Stores and dwelling houses are much wanted.

Capt. Timothy House.—The Boston Transcript says:—In the course of twenty-six years, has sailed in three vessels—one ship, one schooner, and one brig—100,000 miles, has fallen in with six wrecks—three capsized, one sinking, and two abandoned—and has rescued fourteen lives. He attributes accidents in most instances to carelessness or neglect of duty, and says that "all officers should keep a good look out when on deck, and not go to sleep." We agree with him entirely.

The "Register and Library of Medical and Chirurgical Science," contains an interesting account from a correspondent of an adder which actually committed suicide. The Snake had been captured and placed under a handkerchief upon a grass plat, for the purpose of allowing its captor to see what sort of exertions it would make to escape. The adder tried its best to get clear of its confinement, but after finding every effort ineffectual, it turned to incontinently and put itself to death.

A Rogue at Camden.—One of the light fingered gentry, probably from New York or Philadelphia, paid Camden a visit on Sunday afternoon, the 8th inst. and took lodgings for the night at one of the principal hotels. During the course of the night he entered the breeches pockets of a fellow lodger of about sixty dollars in money, and made off, leaving behind, however, in his hurry, a valise and umbrella which he had robbed a gentleman of the preceding evening. The fellow has been heard of since.—*N. J. Her.*

Pigeon Shooting.—We learn that a Pigeon match will take place on Monday next, at ten o'clock, at the house of Thomas Jackson, formerly occupied by Samuel Tuton, Richmond Village. One hundred birds will be "let off" in the course of the morning.

We are credibly informed, says the Stamford Sentine, that Mr. Henry M. Wood, of this town, a short time since, dug and picked up one hundred and fifty three bushels of potatoes in one day between sun and sun, on the land of Mr. Eber Smith. He filled one cart, and the balance he emptied into two heaps.

We understand that in the case of the Commonwealth versus Col. Robert M. Lee, the jury returned into court on Wednesday afternoon with a verdict of "not guilty,"—the defendant to pay the costs. The Judge delivered his charge on Tuesday afternoon, and the Jurors could not agree until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, and were consequently out about 24 hours.

How to get a tight ring of the finger.—Thread a needle flat in the eye with a strong thread; pass the needle under the ring, and pull the thread through a few inches toward the hand; wrap the long end of the thread tightly round the finger, regularly, all down to the nail, to reduce its size. Then lay hold of the short end of the thread, and unwind it. The thread pressing against the ring, will gradually remove the tightest ring without difficulty, however, swollen the finger may be.

"Are you the man," said an American coachman to the Duke of Bernard, of Saxe Weimar, "that is to go in that carriage?" "Yes." "Then I am the gentleman that is to drive you."—*London Courier.*

New Orleans Fashions.—A stranger to New Orleans would suppose that the city abounded in gentlewomen belonging to the Society of Friends, on account of the mode of adjusting their hair. Instead of having it disposed in braids or plaited, or having it in curls or ringlets, where the loves and graces might playfully disport to decoy the affections of the admirers of beauty, our gentlewomen have it cemented with pig's fat, strained at the roots of their forehead, to give them an outlandish appearance, and then gathered behind the hollow of the occiput, in a drooping knot, hanoured perhaps by a few iron pins. Although "beauty when unadorned is adorned the most," in the language of the poet, every lady is not such a beauty as to depend solely on her natural accomplishments, without displaying them to the best advantage; and no woman is ever considered orderly or useful as a housewife who is not neat in her dress. Our ladies appear to have foreswore themselves to their head gear, for few, very few, wear even caps, or have the slightest ornament.—*New Orleans paper.*

"A young girl at Cincinnati recently stabbed a negro fellow in the heart, who attempted to take liberties with her person. This is no country for Desdemonas and Othellos.

"J. J. Flournoy says he will give that young lady who stabbed the negro rascal in Cincinnati, One Hundred Dollars, as a private bounty."

We cut the following from the Southern Whig, of October 15, printed in Athens, Georgia. The paper was sent to our office with a pen marked round the extract. We add, that the young woman was recently tried for the homicide, in our Court of Common Pleas, and acquitted. Mr. J. J. Flournoy is really disposed to give the Indian, he can place it in the hands of the mayor of Cincinnati, by whom she will be sure to receive it.—*Cincinnati Daily Star.*

Elephant's Love of Sweetmeats.—The elephant's partiality for sweetmeats is acquired in plantations of sugar cane, and is universal. A curious instance of sagacity was shewn by one extraordinary, and the method pursued to gratify it in its savage state, is upon record. It chanced that a cooley laden with jaggery (a coarse preparation of sugar) was surprised in a pass in the kingdom of Candy by a wild elephant. The poor fellow, intent upon saving his life, threw down the burthen, which the elephant devoured, and being pleased with the repast, determined not to allow any person egress or ingress who did not provide him with a similar banquet. The pass occurred upon one of the principal thoroughfares to the capital, and the elephant taking up a formidable position at the entrance, obliged every passenger to pay tribute. It soon became generally known that a donation of jaggery would ensure safe conduct through the guarded portal, and no one presumed to attempt the passage without the expected offering.—*Miss Roberts's Scenes of Hindostan.*

The "Life" in an Oyster.—The liquor in an oyster contains incredible multitudes of small embryos, covered with little shells, perfectly transparent, swimming nimbly about. One hundred and twenty of those, in a row, would extend one inch. Besides these young oysters, the liquor contains a great variety of animalculæ, five hundred times less in size, which emit phosphoric light. The list of inhabitants, however, does not, conclude here, for, besides the last mentioned, there are three distinct species of worm, found in oysters, half an inch in length, which shove like the glow worms. The sea-star, the cockle, and muscle, are the great enemies of the oyster. The first gets within the shell, when they gape, and suck them out.

When the tide is flowing, oysters lie with the hollow side downward, but when it ebbs, they turn on the other side. *Query*—How do those manage that are attached to rocks? Do they, like the cunning politician, go with the tide? What a moral might be drawn from the economy of the oyster! The loose ones, it seems, are always "on the fence."

FRENCH LEGAL DROLLERY.

The London police reporters have long been eminent for the oddity of their perpetrations, and their reports have become a class among literary productions. The spirit seems to have crossed the channel, and we find, now and then, some whimsical affairs in the Paris papers under the reporter's head. The following is a translation from a report in the *Constitutional* with which we were so much amused that we thought it worth an English version. Much of the point and humor is unavoidably lost in the process, but if we are not deceived, there is enough left to afford some amusement to our readers.

Bassois was brought up for practising pugilism and other improper sciences on the person of his wife. When the prisoner was called, his visage expressed the most perfect wonder, and his features seemed to exclaim, "What? hauled up for such a trifling matter as this?"

The President. It seems that on the 20th of August you committed a violent assault upon your wife.

Bassois. Pardon me, monsieur le president! I allowed my wife! My dear friend, let me assure you that I am a man incapable of such an action. I will tell you the whole story. You see I'm a potter by trade, and I had been as far as Gentilly to get a load of clay—well, after that you know it was quite natural to stop in at the wine shop and rest a little, like any other decent citizen; well, in comes my wife, you see, and she and me had a glass together quite civil, and after that we set off together for home, the best friends in the world—I don't believe there was more than one cuff on the ears between us all the way home, and perhaps a kick or two—and you know that's nothing.

The President. Well, but for all your friendship, it seems that after you got home you kept on beating her, and that in the end you threw her out of a window fifteen feet from the ground.

Bassois. Fifteen! I beg pardon, monsieur le president, but it wasn't an inch more than twelve and a half. To be sure there was an area under the window, to have thrown her, but that's no fault of mine, you know; besides she got up by herself.

Here madame Bassois was called as a witness, and solemnly asseverated that she had jumped out of the window of her own accord, not knowing what she did.

The President. Did your husband beat you?

Madame Bassois. Well, I can't say but what he did, but that is a thing that does'nt often happen—only when he gets his steam up a little too much.

The President. And how often does he get his steam up, as you call it?

Madame Bassois. Oh, never almost; only on Sundays, and black Monday, you know, of course, and on Saturday when he gets his wages, and sometimes two or three other days in the week—barring this he never goes near the wine shop.

The President. But what possessed you to throw yourself out of window?

Madame Bassois. Why, you see Bassois had torn my clothes pretty much off me, and I was afraid he'd go to tearing me next.

The President. But you said at the time, that he had thrown you out, and the witnesses said so too; are you not afraid of getting a beating if you tell the truth?

Bassois. Monsieur le president, I am not in the I take her twice as [illegible] Bad'nt Rainbow!

The witnesses were then called, the first of whom *Langlois*, stated that he saw a bonnet come smashing out of the window, and after the bonnet a woman whirling over and over like a ball. After reaching the ground she straightened herself out and said it was her husband who had thus set her a flying.—Before she come out, she was screeching like a man with the tooth ache.

Madame Bassois. Oh what a big liar!

Bernard, another witness, thus delivered himself. I'll tell you what it is, president, I was going quietly along before this here chap's house, and I heard a woman hollow out—I stops a little bit, and then I raps at the door and calls Bassois—and he says to me, says he, "I can't open the door for you now, because I'm busy walloping my wife."—And then the first thing I knew, down comes a big bundle right alongside of me, and what should it be but this here woman rolling over and over like a whirligig, and Bassois poking his head out of the window and looking to see how she came down.—And then I looks up at him and I sings out "Hallow," says I, "what sort of a way's that to pitch your wife tight on top of a fellow's head?" And then he makes answer and says, "If you my much I'll pitch myself down on top of you, and see how you like that," says he—and that's all I know about it

Bassois. Only to hear that now! I, that am as gentle and peaceable as a lamb!

The President. Oh, what a liar! what a set of liars of witnesses!

Monsieur Bassois was condemned to a year's imprisonment, to the great horror and scandal of his wife, who ceased not to exclaim, "oh, what liars! what a set of lying witnesses!"

Disease of the Windpipe among Clergymen.—This alarming disease, sometimes improperly called "Bronchitis," has, it is well known, become exceedingly common among the clerical profession in our country. As most ministers of the gospel were during the past summer, were ill in the space of a few days noticed at Saratoga, labouring under it. What makes it a subject of greater interest, is that in this climate, if it has progressed to a certain point beyond the incipient stage, it almost always fatal. The Rev. Mr. Rutledge, of Charleston, S.C. was cut off by it a few years ance in the prime of his life, leaving a large and interesting family behind. The Rev. Mr. Taylor, the eloquent pastor of Grace Church, also like Mr. Rutledge, a southern man, and therefore more predisposed to pulmonary inflammation, has recently left here for Europe, with symptoms, which it is feared indicated an attack of this dreadful malady.—We believe it was first scientifically described by Dr. Hugh McLean, of New York, in the American Med. and Phil. Register. He properly called it *Laryngeal Phthisis*, or consumption, attacking the upper part of the windpipe, in the immediate neighbourhood of the cartilages and muscles employed in speech. It has, also, besides its characteristic symptoms of hoarseness and loss of speech, those of ordinary consumption—the same hectic flush, emaciation of fever, night sweats, expectoration, &c. though all are infinitely more rapid when the disease has fairly turned. Constant expectoration of a muco-purulent matter, sometimes streaked with blood—great difficulty of breathing—finally, painful respiration, accompanied with struggling for breath and rattling of mucus in the windpipe and lungs haggard, emaciated countenance and distress of mind, though with perfect consciousness to the last, follow each other in rapid succession, and soon close the scene.

Dr. McLean might have called it also *Tracheitis Phthisica*, as the windpipe proper, before it branches into the lungs, is almost always involved, as may be seen by examining after death, the ulcerations and inflamed patches on the mucous membrane immediately at the bifurcation of the Bronchiæ. The whole of the body and substance of the lungs also, may finally become implicated by the inflammation extending into all the ramifications of the air vessels. But more frequently perhaps the disease is confined to one spot, that of the windpipe, and rapidly wastes away the patient by incessant mucous expectorations, hoarseness and irritation.

A clergyman in a newspaper at Philadelphia, has in a long article enumerated the supposed causes, many of which are well founded. He inquires in frequent occurrence among clergymen, to their incessant labour in speaking, the loudness and length of their sermons, the early life at which they commence their labors, confinement in the close air of theological seminaries and badly constructed churches, their being called upon to perform so much more than duty at benevolent societies, and at funerals in the open air, &c. than formerly, the throwing of the head back in prayer, anthracite coal, &c. The last we doubt. Our capricious, humid and cold climate is enough without any other.

There is but one word, in our opinion, to say of the remedy, and that is a NOT CLIMATE, in the West Indies, or elsewhere in the tropics, as soon as the victim can fly there. Medicaments are, we think, totally inadmissible, and delay or procrastination is fatal. A residence in the tropics immediately revolutionizes the circulation of the fluids, throws them on the skin, and restores all the functions.—*N. Y. Evening Star.*

Difficulties of Playwrights.—In writing a play, an author has six different chances to please: firstly, his readers; secondly, himself; thirdly, the manager; fourthly, the actors; fifthly, the audience; and lastly, the critics. In no walk of literature are there so many obstacles to be encountered as the dramatic. In trying to the patience, and so humiliating to a proud spirit; and yet, forsooth! some folk affect to think it a trifle to write a play. A trifle, indeed.

DESTRUCTIVE GALE AT BUFFALO.

Correspondence of the Albany Evening Journal.

BUFFALO, Wednesday, 9 P. M.

Dear Sir—Never, in the recollection of the oldest inhabitants of this place, has it been visited by so severe a storm as is at present raging. The wind commenced blowing down the lake, accompanied with hail and rain, about sunrise, and has increased to a perfect gale. The whole lower parts of the city are completely covered with water. Warehouses on the creek, have two and three feet water in them. Vessels and steam boats lying at the wharves, even in so good a harbour, will receive more or less damage.—Some of them are already up the wharves and may be entirely wrecked. The Lake makes a complete breach up as far as the canal, and boats have been all day employed in securing the lives of men, women and children, who have been driven from their residences on the Flats; and, worse than all, several have already been drowned. Several houses near the creek have already been blown over, and others unroofed. God grant it may subside with the setting of the sun, which is usual here during several blows from the S. W.

At present there is no giving you any idea of the loss of property and lives.

I have just understood that the Steamboat Thos. Jefferson is upon the wharf, at the foot of Main street. We shall hear to-morrow and and news I fear, from up the Lake. Mr. Cost, who has resided here for 20 years, says he never knew the water to be so high, during his knowledge of the place. One or two vessels came in this morning completely dismasted, and one sunk soon after getting into the harbour. You will have more particulars next mail.

P. S. As respects any lives being lost, it is at present uncertain, some have said that the number I mentioned is correct—how it is I am unable to say.

Afloat at the Natural Bridge.—The Richmond Whig publishes a letter from a highly respectable source, dated "Lexington, November 7, 1835," giving an account of an unpleasant occurrence which took place in the vicinity of the Natural Bridge, in Virginia, on the 1st inst. It appears that Henry T. Garnett, Esq. who was on his way to Alabama with his family and a large number of slaves, stopped on the road side near the Natural Bridge to obtain some water. While there, a negro man, the property of a lady in the neighborhood, came up, accompanied by some 20 or 30 slaves, and addressed to Mr. G. some insolent language. Mr. G. told him not to repeat it, but to be off about his business; the negro repeated his insolence, when Mr. G. told him he would chastise him if he was not soon off. At this the negro aimed a blow at Mr. G. with a heavy stick. The latter drew a pistol, but was dissuaded from firing, by his lady, who was in the carriage; the negro then aimed a second blow at Mr. G. which the latter stepped back one step to avoid, but in so doing his right foot went into a mud hole and he fell: In the act of falling his pistol, which he held in his left hand at the time, accidentally went off, and the ball entered the breast of the negro and passed through his lungs. Mr. G. immediately went in pursuit of a Justice of the Peace. He was examined and admitted to bail. On the 6th inst. his trial took place, at the Court House, in Lexington, when, after a full investigation of the subject he was unanimously acquitted. The negro was not then dead, but the Court said that his death, which was expected, would not affect the case.

Self-adjusting Bridge.—We have been shown a miniature bridge, invented by Solomon W. Bristol, of Brockport, designed for canals. The objects proposed to be gained by the substitution of this bridge for the present ones, are, the avoidance of their present elevation and the inconvenience experienced by travellers in passing under the bridges as now constructed.—This bridge consists of two equal parts, which the boat in its transit throws asunder, but which, by aid of a pendant weight, immediately readjust themselves after its passage. The two parts of which the bridge is composed, act on rollers, consequently present but little resistance to the passing of a boat. As a description of the improvement is somewhat difficult, we would simply call the attention of the public to it as one in our opinion worthy of examination, for, should the self-adjusting bridge prove practicable, the inventor will have materially benefited the public.—*Rochester Democrat.*

Late from Europe.

By the packet ship Samson, Captain Shadwick, from London, which arrived here on Sunday evening, we have received English papers to the evening of October 10th. And by the brig Norfolk, Captain Matthews, from Bordeaux; and the ship Olympus, Captain Adams, from Havre, which reached here at the same time, we have French papers up to the 5th ult. inclusive.

England.—The refusal of the Bank of England to discount all paper bearing the accredited endorsement of any Joint Stock Bank that circulate their own notes, without the name of any known merchant in addition, has created no little excitement in the monetary circles in London.

Spain.—Don Carlos, like Romulus, has suddenly disappeared from his army—supposed to have gone to Toplus. Mendizabel's policy is directed towards the re-establishment of the Cortez. The Spaniards understand the nature of this body better than the subdivision of the chambers into Procures and Procuradores. They cling with idolatrous attachment to their ancient institutions.

[illegible] of 4000 *desperados*, (literally *desperate men*) or desperate bravery, had in consequence of the resignation of Torreno, encamped some short distance from Madrid.

Los Heros has accepted the Home Department, and Gomez Becerra that of Grace and Justice. The London Sun speaking of the probable establishment of the Cortes says:

"Resting on this sacred covenant with the nation, the young Queen may hurl defiance at her enemies.—Her reign, too, will be an iris in the sky, announcing that the political waters have subsided to their proper level, and three centuries of frightful misrule, during which all the elements of public prosperity successively disappeared."

The reason of Don Carlos "making tracks" so suddenly is, it is supposed, because he has been, if report be true, totally defeated by some rascals in the Basque provinces, on the 1st of October twenty five sub-officers and two soldiers of the 11th Regiment of the line were brought prisoners into Toulouse, escorted by gendarmerie. They were said to be implicated in the conspiracy lately discovered in that city. The 9th, 17th, and 37th Regiments of the line are also said to be infected with the conspiracy. The government is proceeding otherwise vigorously against the Commandants of the National Guard, and persecuting the Press. The editor of the *Reformateur* was again convicted on Wednesday last of a seditious libel, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment and a fine of 6,000 francs.

The trial of Fieschi is postponed until next spring. It is reported that Louis Philippe is inclined to set at liberty Prince Polignac and his fellow prisoners in Ham Castle. It was stated that M. Chapteloune, one of the unfortunate individuals, had lost his reason.

M. Perrier, the coffee-house-keeper, who was arrested as one of Fieschi's accomplices, has been set at liberty.

The Palace of Bagatelle, near Paris, which had found no bidders, about three months ago, at the price of 180,000 francs, was sold on Wednesday, at the Hotel de Ville, for 313,100 francs. The purchaser's name is not known.

It is affirmed that 40,000 pilgrims have perished with cholera in the deserts of Mecca, being previously worn down with fatigue and hunger.

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

The Great Review at Kalisch.—The Grand Review of the Russian and Prussian forces at Kalisch in the middle of September, in presence of the Emperor of the former and King of the latter, must, from the details given, have presented a spectacle of which there is no parallel on record. There were 84,000 troops collected—infantry, cavalry and artillery. On the arrival of the King of Prussia, the Russians were drawn up in line before their tents and the King of Prussia marched before them at the head of his columns—sword drawn; the Emperor of Russia and his brother, the Duke Michael, falling in at the head of the Prussian regiments named after them. The same compliment was returned by the Russian troops, with the Emperor, at the head, marching in column before the Prussians in line, the three sons of the King of Prussia taking the command of the respective Russian regiments named after them in courtesy. The Empress of Russia rode on horseback at the head of her regiment of Guards. The cavalry regiment of Circassian Kurds, and those of the Mussulmans and rival Cossacs, attracted, by their costume and their extraordinary feats after the parade, the greatest attention. They leaped from their horses in full flight and remounted again; stood up upon their horses; fired at a target with the greatest precision at the top of their speed, and performed various other evolutions, which astonished every body.

The silly and ambiguous words in the new beer act, "To be drunk on the premises," and which are required to be placed over the beer shops, has of course been literally interpreted by the parties interested—the vendor and the consumer—the former selling and the latter drinking *ad libitum* until literally *drunk*, according to the *letter* of the law. In the very endeavour to restrain intemperance, the pedantry of the lawgivers has, on the contrary, encouraged and sanctioned it.

There exist it is said, secret clubs of Republicans throughout the French army—one of them was lately arrested at Toulouse. They wore scarfs of blue, black and red, and had placed before each of the members on a table, a crucifix, bible, and two pugnards crossed.

Mr. Williams, an Irish quaker, who was imprisoned 6 months at Carlow, for refusing to pay tithes to the Dean and Chapter of Loughlin, has been released under the act of the last session, relative to the Society of Friends.

Duty on Paper.—There is no source from which so much accurate, extended and minute information may be learned, touching all subjects of public interest, as in the Examination before Committees of Parliament.—In a recent long report on Duties upon Paper, it appears that this falls most heaviest on cheapest publications. Mr. Knight, of the "Penny Cyclopedia," so well known in America, stated that though it was one fifth the cost the work paid no 20,000 a year—if reduced one half it would pay on 40,000—if wholly removed, on 20,000. It is estimated that of all the paper consumed, two thirds is in printing and the other third in stationary.

The charge of postage on Colonial newspapers from England and Ireland, Dunman's land to England, is only one penny—which is certainly cheap freight for 10 or 12,000 miles.

Mad. Malibran, at her recent re-appearance upon the Scala of Milan—spite of the prevailing cholera, in the part of Desdemona, was received with the most enthusiastic shouts. The congratulations were called in to prove the sentiment which amounted to madness, had endangered the safety of the house.

Fenimore Cooper, one of the ablest American remarks, is in his sea-novels, keeping up the same kind of contest with his great rival Marryatt, as the two countries to which those authors respectively belong, did with their naval armaments during the late war.

The devil come to a unfavory grave.—Mr. Wm. Dwivil e, son of a lamp maker, (a very appropriate author for his satanic majesty) on going down the Thames in a small boat to Hammersmith, (probably on a visit to that renowned forgeman Vulcan) was unfortunately upset and drowned.

A company of comedians, including Mr. Gale, have sailed from England for New Orleans. It would appear that our countrymen, Caldwell, had summoned to his new Thespian palace, the musical and histronic talent of the four quarters of the globe. It must be henceforward crowned the "King of the Drama."

The English papers speak of an intended visit of Mrs. Fanny Butler and husband to England.

The late Mr. Rippon, of the Bank of England, was a remarkable instance of the force of habit, and of the degree to which the mind becomes warped by unplodding and unchanging routine of life. For fifty years he was never absent but once from his desk, and that but for three days in the country, where he hastened to enjoy with green fields and flowers, that he hastened back in despair to his old accustomed haunt. He left £60,000.

Some recent decisions of courts martial in Belgium, declare duelling not punishable by existing laws.

A young whale measuring 51 feet, was recently dead in the bend and captured by some boatmen off the coast of Holland.

One fourth of the city of Cavaraca has been destroyed by earthquake, burying 500 persons under the ruins. Ten villages in the vicinity have also been destroyed. One of them entirely disappeared.

A new sect has arisen in Suabia, called the Chaudera, who pretend to have mysterious intercourse with extraordinary beings.

The wretch *Fieschi* is said to have been crafted in profligacy and crime. His parents, uncles, &c. were all felons, brigands or galley slaves. This unknown and hopes, it is said, that his punishment will be commuted to deportation, and constantly amuses himself in his cell, in playing at cards and dominos.

The Lace-Pieces in London.—The following description of a tremendous political meeting of 12 persons in the London Tavern, we should suppose must have been calculated for the meridian of Job Haskell.

They were precisely of that order of architecture in society that a phrenologist, or close observer of human nature, would predicate from their countenances the reverse of honesty, and a philanthropist in pay honor a suit of clothes upon.

"*The Mistletoe Bough.*"—A young girl falling in love with a servant man, went to his chamber, where for security and secrecy her lover locked her up in a wooden chest until she was nearly suffocated.

One of the venerable maidens of the sisterhood of charity of the Hotel Dieu Hospital at Caen

Philadelphia Prices Current.

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FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 20, 1835.

ASHES.		Sugar-house	47 49
Pot	6 75 7 00	do. N. York	49 50
Pearl	7 75 8 00	do. Philada.	41 49
BITTER.		do. Steam	49 50
Tub.		Trinidad	32 34
Extra beg. No. 1	13 14½	Porto Rico	32 34
No. 1	13 14	Eng. French bbl.	28 31
No. 2	11½ 12½	Hav. & Matanzas	
COAL		MACKEREL.	
Lehigh	3 00	No. 1. bbl	9 50
Schuylkill	4 75 5 50	No. 2	7 50
COFFEE. duty free		No. 3	5 50
Java	13 14½	OIL.	
St. Domingo	11 11½	Linseed, Am. from store	56 62
Porto Rico	12 13	do. Dutch	
Cuba	11½ 12½	Whale, pal.	43½
Laguira	12½ 13	Sperm, winter	1 85 1 10
Rio	11½ 12	do. summer	85 1 00
COTTON. duty 3 cts per lb.		PLASTER PARIS.	
Louisianna	17 19	In Del'ware ton	3 00
Mobile	16½ 18½	In Schuylkill	3 00 3 50
N. Ala and Tenn.	16 19	SEEDS.	
S. C. and Geo.	15½ 19	Clover, C. bush.	4 00 4 25
N. C. and Va.	15½ 19	Flaxseed rough	1 60 1 65
FREIGHTS.		do. clean cash	
To Pittsburgh, per canal		Timothy bbl.	1 75 3 00
per lbs.	1 19½ 3 00	Herds. bush.	
FLOUR and MEAL.		Orchard grass	2 00
Superfine. bbl.	6 25	WHISKEY.	
Fine	6 00	Rye in hhds.	26½
Rye	4 00	do. in bbls.	29 30
Middlings		do. from engines	27
Corn meal	4 00	WOOL.	
do. in bbls.	3 00	Prime Saxony fleece	
GRAIN.		Do.	70 75
Rye Pa.	84 85	Am wash. ful bl'd	66½ 67½
Rye Southern	84 85	do. 1 blood	53 57½
Wheat Pa.	1 28 1 30	do. 1 blood	50 52
do. South bush	1 28 1 30	do. and com.	42½ 47½
Corn L. C. white	96 97	Am unw'sh. full bl'd	37 39
do. L. C. yellow	96 98	do. 1 blood	34 37
do. U.C. round	1 00 1 02	do. and com.	30 32
Oats Pa.	40 41	Suply pulled hamba	32 36
Southern	38 41	No. 1. do	41 47
Barley Eastern		No. 2. do	35 37½
do. Pa.	75 80	No. 3. do	25 30
HOPS.		Spn shees R.F & S.	
1st sort, 1835	16 18	do bombs	
MOLASSES.			
New Orleans			

ATKINSON'S SATURDAY EVENING POST.

PHILADELPHIA:

Saturday, November 21, 1835.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement respecting certain valuable property in Bethlehem, Pa. To men of industry and enterprise, acquainted with the business of hotel keeping, a rare opportunity for realising an extensive business, is therein offered.

In case of a war with France, Philadelphia would stand in a very precarious situation. There is not a single mounted gun on the river. Fort Mifflin was dismantled long since, and Fort Delaware, in 1833, was destroyed by fire, and is now a mass of ruins.—This state of things imperatively calls on Congress to make an early appropriation for our protection.

THE DWARFS.

The Virginia Dwarfs have returned to this city, and may be seen for a short time, at the Philadelphia Museum. There are four of these odd little beings, brothers and sisters,—the oldest being twenty-five years of age, and only three feet six inches high. The youngest is eight years old, and weighs *twenty-one* pounds. They form an interesting group, and are quite intelligent and agreeable.

A reward of $3,000 is offered in the New Orleans papers, for the apprehension of Dudley W. Babcock, late Cashier of the Union Bank at Clinton, who has absconded with funds of the Institution to the amount of about $30,000.

The regular publication of Waldie's Octavo Library, will be commenced in January. Each number will contain 24 large octavo pages, besides the cover, making two annual volumes of 624 pages each. Price for the whole $5.

A great variety of rumors are afloat respecting the state of our relations with France, but as none of them seem to be sustained by established facts, we have not deemed it essential to refer particularly to the subject. Some editors allege that King Phillippe has refused to pay the first instalment of the money due the United States, because the President has offered no apology for the harsh terms in his message; while others contend that the money has never been demanded, and that the King is entirely satisfied with the explanations given in Mr. Livingston's last letter.

The whole subject will undoubtedly occupy a conspicuous place in the President's message, which we shall receive in about two weeks, when the facts of the case will be officially made known.

The great chain of Rail-road, designed to connect New York city with Lake Erie, has already been commenced, ground having been broken on the 7th instant, in the village of Deposit, on the Delaware river. On the day previous forty miles of the work, embracing, it is believed, the most expensive part of the whole line, were put under contract, at the rate of $8,500 per mile. The Board of Managers appear determined to push this enterprise forward with all possible despatch, and if Pennsylvania is not a good deal more enterprising than she has been of late, this great work, which will give New York a double connection with Lake Erie, will be finished before we have a single line in operation.

AN APPETITING INCIDENT.—The New York Transcript states that a very affecting scene took place in the Court of Sessions of that city, on Saturday afternoon last, while the Recorder was passing sentence upon different persons, who had been convicted during the term. The young wife of Silas Smith, (convicted of forgery in the third degree, and adjudged to be imprisoned in Sing Sing for two years and a half,) who had been married to the unfortunate man only about three weeks, went to the cage after he was sentenced, and, sobbing and heart-broken with grief, stood kissing him through the iron grate which separated them until they were forcibly parted by officers in attendance. Scoundrel as he was, she had plighted to him her faith and her affections, and, with the enduring constancy which characterises a woman's love, her feelings were unchanged even by the felon's brand which was marked upon the object of her fond devotion. When torn away from him, it was with difficulty that she could be prevented from fainting, and the left the court to sorrow over the miserable fate of the man she had hoped long to have lived with in happiness and joy—and, peradventure, become the victim of her wretchedness and grief.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAIL-ROAD.—The receipts on this road, during the year ending on the 30th September, were as follows:

For passengers,	$93,540 22
For tonnage,	169,827 68
Total,	$263,368 10
The expenses have been	156,204 38
Leaving the net revenue,	$109,163 71

The receipts of the preceding year, were $205,436 58, showing a difference in favor of the present, of $57,931 82. The number of passengers conveyed on the entire route during the year, has been 97,726. The total amount of tonnage 72,634 tons. There are now in actual service upon the road, 7 locomotive engines; 1030 burden cars on 4 wheels; 48 burden cars on 8 wheels; 44 passenger cars, of which 25 are on 8 wheels, the rest on 4 wheels.

The editors of Boston are the most lucky chaps in the world; at least we may safely infer such to be the case, after noticing the manner in which they are uniformly treated by their fellow citizens. Scarcely a week passes but one of them returns thanks for a present of a big pumpkin, a handsome codfish, or a keg of molasses, and each seems to vie with the other in doing the "genteel thing" in a nicely penned paragraph. Besides this, all of them have free admission to all places of amusement, and in all stages and steamboats, and as if these favors were not sufficient to prove their importance to society, a whole batch of them have recently been elected members of the legislature. Those thus honored are, Buckingham, of the Courier, Sargent of the Atlas, Walter of the Transcript, Fowle of the Farmer, and Whilden, of the Bunker Hill Aurora—all good men and true, we doubt not who will luck neither zeal nor efficiency in serving their constituents.

TEXAS.

This beautiful country has probably, by this time, become the scene of a bloody war. Late reports speak of an engagement between the Mexican and Texian forces, which resulted in the defeat of the former, and the capture of 300 stand of arms, and $10,000 worth of provisions. Gen. Houston, formerly Governor of Tennessee, is reported to have been elected commander in chief of the military forces of the Texians.

Much sympathy for the Texians—a large portion of whom are emigrants from the United States—and great anxiety for their success in the present contest, have been expressed in various cities of the Union.—Several corps of volunteers and a considerable amount of money, have been raised for the cause. A recent public meeting in New Orleans, is represented to have been distinguished by great enthusiasm in behalf of the Revolutionists. A Mr. Fisher, who had been expelled from Mexico, for having made some free remarks upon passing events in a newspaper which he conducted at Matamoras, made an address. He stated that there are three parties now in Mexico, one composed of the clergy and military, who are for a consolidated government under a tri-unitarian form, with Santa Anna, Bravo, and Lucius Alamon at its head—another composed of liberals who desired to retain the federal republic, as fixed by the constitution of 1824—and a third in favor of a monarchy, and for placing a scion of the house of Bourbon on the throne of Mexico.—He stated that the aristocratic party are resolved to subjugate Texas at all hazards; and to expel all Americans from that State, and that the liberal party are as firmly resolved to sustain the Texians, if they sustain the constitution of 1824—which is now the pivot of the contending parties. If Texas prove victorious, then republicanism will triumph in Mexico—but if Texas be worsted, then a despotic rule will be substituted. He also entered into particulars concerning the present invasion into Texas, and showed that it has long been contemplated by Santa Anna.

Meetings have since been held in Boston and in New York, and subscriptions raised for the Texians. In Boston, our old friend Major Norton, who emigrated to Texas a year or two since, has been very busily engaged in enlisting the co-operation of the citizens in the cause. In this city there has been no public movement in relation to the subject.

The rail-road mania seems to prevail very generally in the southern states, and the prospect at present is, that we of the north, who take to ourselves great pride for zeal and enterprise in public improvements, will very shortly be far outstripped in works of this character. A very short time has elapsed since we spoke of the project to connect Tennessee and Louisiana—a work now actually commenced—and we are now called upon to notice another improvement still more gigantic, viz. the construction of a rail-road to connect the cities of Charleston, S. C. and Cincinnati, Ohio. This matter has been taken in hand in good earnest, by leading inhabitants of both cities, and the probability is strong that it will be vigorously pursued. At a recent public meeting in Charleston, the following propositions were submitted by a committee:

"1st. That it is essential to the prosperity of the Southern and Western States, and the full development of their resources, that they should be connected together by a Rail Road, extending from the Ohio River to the Atlantic.

2d. That such a highway, would lay open an extensive region to the North and West, which is now cut off from all commercial intercourse with the South, and thereby open a door to a trade, the extent and value of which, it is impossible for the most adroit imagination, even to conceive.

3d. That such a work is practicable, and can probably be effected in a few years, and within the means of the States through which it must pass.

4th. That the most practicable, and the cheapest, as well as the shortest route, with regard both to distance and time, must be one which shall be connected at some point with the Charleston and Augusta Rail Road, and which must, therefore, terminate at *Charleston.*"

The completion of this work will be greatly facilitated by the Charleston and Hamburg rail-road, already constructed, which may be included in the general route. It extends to Hamburg, opposite Augusta, on the Savannah river, a distance of one hundred and thirty-six miles. At the other end of the route, a railway is about to be undertaken between Cincinnati, and Paris, Ky. ninety miles in extent, which will leave about five hundred miles to be made, to complete the whole chain.

This is a truly magnificent project, and one which, if we may judge from the growing greatness of the western and south western states, cannot fail to pay well.

ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.—The good example of Massachusetts, in abolishing the unnatural and revengeful punishment of death, has been followed by the legislature of Maine. A committee of that body made a detailed report on the subject last winter, and submitted the following propositions as the result of their investigations.

1st.—Capital Punishments are not enjoined upon us in Scripture, so as to impose an obligation for their continuance.

2d.—The Spirit of the Gospel most clearly forbids the infliction of any punishment having its foundation in a spirit of revenge.

3d.—Government has no moral right to take life, unless it be very clear that the public safety imperious-ly demands it.

4th.—The public safety in this State does not demand the taking of life in time of peace, and hence we have no moral right to do it.

This report led to the introduction and subsequent adoption of a bill abolishing capital punishment, or legalised murder, and substituting in lieu thereof imprisonment for life at hard labour. The second section of the act contains the annexed wholesome provisions:

That when any person shall hereafter be convicted of any crime punishable with imprisonment for life, all contracts of whatever nature to which the person so convicted shall be a party, shall be affected, changed, or annulled, in the same manner as they severally would have been by the death of the person so convicted. The bonds of matrimony between the husband and the wife, as the case may be, and the person so convicted, shall be dissolved; the person so convicted shall cease to have any title to, or interest in his own estate real and personal, and the same shall be treated, be disposed of, and descend, in all respects as if his actual death had taken place on the day when he was convicted as aforesaid; and all power and authority of whatever nature, which he might lawfully have, or exercise over any other person or persons, shall, from and after his conviction as aforesaid, cease and determine as if he were dead.

HARRISBURG PAPERS.

During the approaching winter it is probable that some of our city friends may be disposed to subscribe for a newspaper printed at Harrisburg, in order to obtain a more full account of the proceedings of the Legislature, than is usually furnished in the Philadelphia papers. The Harrisburg papers received at this office are, the Pennsylvania Intelligencer, and the State Journal.

THE INTELLIGENCER,

Is published by Henry K. Strong, who will probably give a warm support to the administration of the new Governor, Joseph Ritner, and who is a zealous advocate of the claims of Gen. Wm. H. Harrison, for the Presidency. The Intelligencer was the first paper in the state that "broke ground" for Harrison. During the session of the Legislature, it will furnish full reports of the debates and proceedings in the legislature, and also of the doings of the Presidential conventions, which are to assemble at Harrisburg, during the winter. Terms $3 per year, or $2 for the session only.

THE STATE JOURNAL.

Supports Mr. Van Buren for President, and R. M. Johnson for Vice President. During the late gubernatorial contest, it advocated the claims of Mr. Muhlenburg. Full reports of the proceedings of the Legislature are promised during the winter, and the editors will probably keep a very sharp eye on the doings of the antimasons, being politically opposed to the principles of the antimasonic party. The publishers are Messrs. Crabb & Barrett. The terms of the State Journal are the same as those of the Intelligencer—$3 for the session, or $2 for the whole year.

COMMUNICATION

It is as small a return as could be made for a display of kindness and attention, that individuals can make—to express by a method of this kind the grateful sentiments necessarily entertained on account of such accommodating and in all respects generous conduct. *The Opposition Line* of steamboats plying between Baltimore and Richmond, Va., seems disposed to make and actually does make accommodations, the most generous for all who patronize it. The writer is himself, a participant of this kind and generous treatment and most cordially does he unite with the other passengers who have witnessed it, in expressing unqualified approbation of the gentlemanly and noble generous spirit of Capt. Hoe, and proprietor Smith, of the steamer Champion, on the occasion of a late tempestuous passage up the Chesapeake Bay. It is well to notice and applaud noble behaviour like this, that other Captains may be incited and encouraged to "go and do likewise." VIRGINIENSIS.

THE CAPITOL.

It is expected that Washington, during the approaching winter, will be unusually brilliant, in the congregation of the beauty and fashion of the country. The facilities for reaching the metropolis having been greatly increased during the past season, by the formation of numerous rail-roads, and especially by the completion of that between Baltimore and Washington, it is reasonable to suppose that the number of visiters will be very great. Very important changes have been made in the capitol since the last session of Congress, calculated in a very material degree, as we learn by the Georgetown Metropolitan, to promote the convenience of those who are desirous of listening to the Congressional debates. The Metropolitan furnishes the annexed article on the subject.

THE CAPITOL.—The preparations for the reception of the Twenty-fourth Congress have been for some time in active progress, in our great national palace. The painters have done their work, and the cleaners-up are following on their footsteps. Our visiters of the approaching season will not find every thing exactly in the *status quo* of the last. In the House we have not observed any material changes; in the Senate Chamber they will find a few very salutary reforms. In the first place for the sake of the public interests we are happy, and for the sake of the ladies' pleasure we are sorry to say, that our fair politicians who take such delight in drinking the flow of Senatorial eloquence, are to be *reformed* off from the floor of the Chamber, and transferred to the semi circular gallery over head. Whether this is to be attributed to the annoyance of which the Senators used to suffer the unsparing infliction of being summoned away from their occupations at their desks, to play the gallant to their fair friends, by whose presence just behind their backs their gallantry seemed to be irresistibly challenged, or whether it was thought that the immediate presence of such potent influences might dangerously affect the clearness of head requisite to their legislative duties, or whether they thought that it was more appropriate that such heavenly influences should shed themselves, star-like, from above,—we cannot say: certain however the fact is, that the 'horse-shoe,' in times past so beautiful in its crowded brilliancy, is henceforth to present the sight of nothing better than an occasional *diplomate or distingue.* To compensate to the ladies thus politely bowed out, the gallery above has been handsomely fitted up. Every thing is new: a range of luxurious sofa seats runs round it: behind which is a covered bench attached to the wall for accommodating, we presume, the *cavaliers servants.* The pillars and railing are newly bronzed, and a rich crimson drapery will shed its favorable lights on the complexions. A door is to be opened by which immediate access can be had to the Ladies' Gallery from the north end of the building. The splendid new imported drapery for the walls, so much talked of last winter, does not appear; it was found so damaged on its arrival as to be useless. The old faded silk is replaced by very handsome damask, of a darker shade, inclining to a lead color, and corresponding well with the pillars of the Chamber.—The reporters' gallery is entirely thrown open for gentlemen, and raised desks for the reporters are put on the floor, at the two extremities of the Horse-shoe, immediately behind Messrs. Clay and Benton respectively—so that not a syllable falling from those gentlemen will be lost. In the Rotunda the statue of Jefferson no longer stands, like an uninvited and unwelcomed guest, and as if unconscious of its equivocal situation, slinking by the wall, but by order of the President has been placed on a temporary pedestal, of marble-painted wood, a little westward from the centre. If it is to be finally accepted we hope that it will not be left in a situation in which the light shed from directly above, throws the face into one undistinguishable shadow, and entirely destroys the effect of the whole statue. The light from overhead is ruinous to marble statuary, to bronze doubly so. Powers's figures stand their ground—such as it is—very well; a slight imperfection, however, which we did not observe before, shows itself on one of the cheeks of the statue of Peace.

CULTURE OF SILK.—Mr. W. G. Comstock, of Hartford, Conn. is about to publish "a practical treatise on the Culture of Silk, adapted to the soil and climate of the United States, by F. G. Comstock, secretary of the Hartford County Silk Society, and editor of the Silk Culturist." The work will be published in a duodecimo of 100 pages, price 50 cents. A part of the edition will be put up in elastic covers, to be forwarded by mail. The advertisement of the publisher states: The interest in all parts of the United States in the Culture and Manufacture of Silk, manifested by the constant calls for information on the subject, has induced the publisher to have prepared a plain *Practical Treatise* on the Cultivation of the Mulberry and rearing Silk Worms; adapted to the Soil and Climate of this country and to the wants of plain practical men. The Practical Culturist of this country needs a directory adapted to the Soil on which he plants his trees, and the Climate on which he rears his worms, without reference to Soils and Climates less congenial to their growth. It has been therefore the object of the author to make a treatise strictly practical, omitting nothing of importance to the Culturist, and adding nothing of a useless or extraneous character.

As making the raw material into *Sewing Silk* and *Twist* is very profitable to the Silk Grower, all necessary information for that purpose will be given.

HUZZA FOR UNCLE SAM.—The Cincinnati Post, of the 7th inst. acknowledges the receipt of a container of fresh Oysters, in five days from Baltimore, being two days ahead of the U. S. Mail. This is said to be the second instance, in a very short time, in which the mail has been beaten by an *Oyster Wagon!*

CONGRESS PEN.

A metallic pen, designated the Congress Pen, manufactured by Joseph Gillott, exclusively for Mr. T. T. Ash, Chestnut street, appears to us, from the trial we have made of its quality, to be a superior article, both as regards its adaptation to immediate service and durability. The point is flexible, and it sheds the ink very freely, giving a clear, feint, and an even and smooth heavy line. We recommend our friends to give this pen a trial.

Mons. Adrian's Great Trick Exploded.—By reference to M'Makin's N. L. News Book, of Nov. 18 it will be seen that Mons. Adrian's great and mysterious trick of causing a lady to disappear, has long been discovered, and is fully and clearly explained on the books. Should we copy it, Mons. A's exhibitions would not be so profitable in other cities as they have been here.

THEATRICAL.

CHESNUT STREET THEATRE.—Mr. Balls, the celebrated light comedian from Europe, made his first appearance, in this city, on Monday, in the characters of *Vapid* and the three *Singles*, and was favorably received by a full house. Mr. Balls, is a light, easy and graceful performer, with a pleasing appearance, a great fund of good humour, and many other requisites for a popular actor. He has since appeared as Gossamer Col. Freelove, Jeremy Daddle, Rover, Splash, and other favorite characters, in all which he has fully sustained his high reputation. We presume his engagement will not close before the end of next week.

Mademoiselle Celeste completed her engagement in this city, on Saturday night last, and performed at the Bowery, N. Y. on Monday. Her success in this country has been truly astonishing, her receipts having been in New York $22,500; Boston $13,500; Philadelphia $8,500; Baltimore $9,500; Montreal $10000; Quebec $800; Albany $130. Total $50,930. In a few days, she will proceed to New Orleans and Mobile, where she will receive nine thousand dollars for six weeks performances. There is no doubt that if she remains here another year, she will realise altogether upwards of one hundred thousand dollars.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.—Mr. Addams is playing at this Theatre with his usual success. An evident improvement in his acting is perceptible, and his popularity is rising rapidly. Mr. Hackett, the Yankee comedian, appeared on Wednesday evening, in three of his favorite characters.

Mrs. Drake is performing in Cincinnati, Ohio, before rather shabby audiences, if the statements of the Cincinnati Post, in regard to their behaviour be true. The Cincinnati Post says:

We entered the pit of our Theatre night before last, the better to observe the scene between Julia and Clifford, in the Hunchback, and as we stood leaning against the wall we felt a something descending upon our head, which fell over us in dusty fragments emitting an unwholesome odour." We gazed up and beheld the legs of two *gentlemen* in the upper tiers protruding over our heads, like a rousing pair for chickens, and as one of them cracked his heels together, he loosened the dirt from his uncleaned boots, and it descended upon us. Why is our Theatre not supplied with mats, that gentlemen may wipe their boots on entering? Last night during the most interesting part of "The Wife," while Mrs. Drake, as Marianne, was delineating herself to her husband from the imputations of his cousin, we chanced to cast our eyes "in front," and beheld sitting in the *dress-circle*, a gentleman and lady, he with his head resting upon the front of the box, she with her arm affectionately entwined around his neck, he pressing her hand to his lips, she bending fondly over him, and thus our attention was divided between the affectionate scene on the stage, and one equally affecting and affectionate "in front." Why is not our Theatre furnished with private boxes for lovers to *bill and coo in?* Again we saw a gentleman while the curtain was down, part the skirts of his coat, and and sit upon the front of the box with his back to the audience, and he lost on the seats, while he conversed with a lady who stood beside him.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood, and Mr. Brough, are still at the Park, N. Y. A new opera by Bellini, called "La Somnambula," in which they perform the principal characters, has lately been produced. It is said to be better than any opera that has been performed for many years.

Fay's new novel, "Norman Leslie," has been dramatised for the Bowery. Hamblin plays Norman.—Two debutants, a lady and gentleman, lately appeared at the Franklin, and made a dead failure.

PAINFUL OCCURRENCE.

A few evenings since, a young gentleman, the son of one of our most respectable citizens, came into the saloon of a Foreign Coffee House in Broadway, and watching his opportunity, while the bar-keeper was otherwise engaged, very deliberately stretched himself over the counter, pulled open the money drawer, and abstracted from it a quantity of silver change, amounting to about sixteen shill ngs. Thinking that he had possessed himself of his booty unobserved, he called for three glasses of Sardinas and other refreshments, for himself and two friends who had just entered the room; having ate and drank sufficiently, the young pilferer impudently tendered in payment a dollar of the stolen money. The master of the house examined the dollar and then the contents of the money drawer, and turning to the subject, asked him how he became possessed of that piece. Overwhelmed with confusion at the unexpected question, he attempted to stammer out a reply. The benevolent landlord unwilling to expose him in a crowded coffee room, invited him into an adjoining apartment, and then delivered the following exhortation to the trembling criminal, which it is hoped will have a salutary effect on him. "You thought yourself unnoticed when you opened my drawer and stole my money, but you were mistaken, I saw you, and intended if you left the house to follow you into the street and recover my property; but when you called for refreshment for yourself and the other young men, I was resolved upon seeing how far your impudence would carry you. I have no fear but that you will call again and pay me for what you have had. Now give me back that which you took out of the drawer, and go home in peace, and when you retire to rest, reflect upon your bad conduct, and think how near you were bringing disgrace upon your respectable family." Happy in escape so easily, the young fellow restored back the money, and without uttering a word in reply, left the house as quickly as possible.—*N. Y. Courier.*

RHODE ISLAND SILK COMPANY.

This Company, which was late the 'Valentine Silk Co.' was incorporated at the recent session of the Rhode Island Legislature, with a capital of $100,000. Their factory is situated upon Eddy st, the next building to the old glass house. The machinery, with which it is nearly filled, is propelled by a six horse power steam engine. The steam is generated with the siftings of anthracite coal, at an expense of 33 cents per day. Thus, till recently, useless and refuse portion of the coal is ignited and rendered about as valable as any other, by the aid of Reynold's patent blowing apparatus. While preparing their machinery and instructing their operatives in the art, they have manufactured from 16 to 1800 yards of rich heavy goods. The number of hands has recently been very much increased, and with the additional power looms about to be put in, the company contemplate making from three hundred to four hundred yards of goods per week. Of course, as there is no domestic supply, they are compelled to manufacture foreign silk. Another year, however, they will probably derive a considerable amount of the raw material from their own plantation. This plantation is on the western border of the city, and consists of thirty-six acres of land particularly well adapted to the growth of the mulberry tree, and is already in a high state of cultivation. Upon it there is a large well finished two story house, and a barn and granary—a concovery 130 feet long, built last spring, and about 1600 mulberry trees of very vigorous growth, most of which are five years old, and the remainder four. From these trees it is estimated that an average amount of at least 2000 pounds of wound silk may be produced per year, for the next five years, or two pounds to a tree—and for the succeeding five years double the amount. This is a moderate estimate, compared with the one made by the Boston Company, and indeed, compared with the results of experience, of those who have been engaged in growing silk in Connecticut for many years. The company are about putting out 40,000 more trees, of three years' growth, in hedges, after the Italian method. This plan is estimated, will yield an average rate of one ounce of wound silk, to a tree per year for the next five years, or 2500 pounds per year. The total product of the farm in silk, according to this estimate, would be worth, at four dollars per pound, $10,000. One half of this amount is allowed for attendance upon the cocoonery and winding the silk into a marketable state, leaving a neat profit of $9,000. In addition to this ought to be reckoned the value of the crops of corn and potatoes which the best condition of the trees will require should be planted among them. With a liberal application of fish, which abounds in a measure within less than a mile of the farm, it may beyond doubt, be rendered much more productive than, in the above calculation, is anticipated, and by planting in hedge rows 100,000 more trees, which it is competent to sustain, it would of course yield a manifold increase of silk. On one side of the farm is a beautiful pond from which the trees may be watered, by the aid of a force pump, in any period of drought.

The whole establishment of this Company is now in fine order, and is judiciously located and well arranged for the purpose of exhibiting to our farmers and manufacturers the mode of operating this important branch of business. The soil of Rhode Island is well adapted to the growth of the Mulberry tree, and the very borders of the roads may be appropriated to this use.—There can hardly be a limit assigned to the amount of wealth, which would accrue to this State, should its population be generally engaged in the cultivation and manufacture of silk.—*Prov. Jour.*

COMMUNICATED.

From the United States Gazette.

Mr. Chandler.—There is no truth more fully established than this, that a correct knowledge of Book-keeping is absolutely essential for the right possession of the mind, more and more strange as it may appear, very few are thoroughly conversant with this science. No part of the education of our young men is more necessary, yet none more strangely neglected—or authorably attended to. This too is a source of general complaint and vexation among our men of business—I therefore beg to call the attention of those anxious to acquire a *practical* knowledge of Book-keeping, and to fit themselves for the duties of the Counting Room,—to the school kept for this purpose by Mr. R. Megonegal, at the south west corner of Race and Sixth streets, in this city. This gentleman, I may assert, without being chargeable with either duplicity or flattery—is eminently competent to impart full and correct instructions in this highly important branch of mercantile education. His system is the best possible plan on which a set of books can be kept, his manner of communicating this knowledge is easy, plain and clear, and it may be affirmed that any person of ordinary capacity, may, in a short period of time, fully qualify himself to take charge of the books of any concern in our city, however complex or extensive; and discharge his duties satisfactorily and with correctness. This brief testimony to the merits of Mr. Megonegal, as a teacher of Book-keeping, is dictated by no desire to *puff* into notice, one unacquainted with his calling, but simply, for the benefit of our young men and merchants—and from experimental knowledge, to "render praise to whom praise is due." In many one go, and from actual experience, I am satisfied they will bear witness in favour of the truth of every word of the above communication.—M. nov. 21—1t*

COMMUNICATION.

A young lad, by the name of EDWIN KRAMER, aged about 13 years, left the residence of his father, in Bedminster township, Bucks county, on the 3d inst.—Had on when he went away, a blue domestic summer roundabout and trousers, or for that—he wore clothes of his age—pale complexion, sandy hair, speaks German only—he had with him a small bundle, and was seen in the neighbourhood of the city. Fears are entertained that he has been kidnapped. Any person giving any information of said boy, will remove a heavy burthen from the hearts of his distressed parents and sisters, at No. 176 Coates street, N. Liberties.

HANNAH KRAMER.

Editors throughout the state, will oblige the distressed family by giving the above an insertion.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—On Saturday about noon, a number of lads were shooting at targets, in the neighbourhood of Seventh street and Poplar lane, when a ball from one of their guns, struck the head of a child named John Higham, aged about eight years, son of Mr. Joseph Higham. The skull of the child was fractured, he ran a short distance and fell down—calling loudly upon his mother. Dr. J. Elkinton was immediately sent for—but the little sufferer died in about half an hour.

The Coroner summoned a jury, who made diligent enquiry, during the afternoon and evening, as to the cause of the child's death. It appears that this assembly of persons and discharge of fire-arms, in the neighbourhood, is of frequent occurrence, and the jury returned a verdict that the said John Higham came to his death in Poplar lane, between Seventh and Eighth streets, by injury caused by a ball fired from a gun, by some lad, while shooting at a target in an adjoining lot; and that it was done unintentionally. The jury present the conduct of the lads as reprehensible, and in violation of the laws; and also as an insufferable nuisance; the practice of which, by the evidence before them, has existed for some time.

SALES OF STOCKS.

At the Stock and Exchange Board of Brokers.

			per share.
160 shares	United States Bank,	11 1-4 11½	100
17 do.	Commercial Bank,	67	50
71 do.	Girard Bank,	64	50
3 do.	Farm. & Mech. Bank,	67 1-4 67	50
4 do.	Bank of N. America,	126	100
1 do.	Philadelphia Bank,	110	100
15 do.	Western Bank,	50	50
250 do.	Com. Bank Cincinnati,	105 1-4 105	100
303 do.	Kenawha Bank,	46 1-4 47	50
350 do.	Planters Bank, Tennessee,	55	50
117 do.	Planters' Bank, Miss.	125	100
625 do.	Northern Bank, Kentucky,	30 1-4 30	50
99 do.	Mech. Bank Baltimore,	79	50
23 do.	Union Bank Tenn.	64 1-4 64	50
89 do.	Agricultural Bank Miss.	124	100
250 do.	Grand Gulf Bank,	107	100
5 do.	Wheeling Bank,	103	100
250 do.	N. Orleans Gas Bank,	38	50
5 do.	Mec. & Traders B'nk. N. O.	52	50
5 do.	Lehigh Coal & Nav. Co.	79	50
4416 do.	Del. & Hudson Canal,	96 1-4 102	100
673 do.	Norristown Rail Road,	52	50
27 do.	Schuylkill Nav. Co.	13	50
2 do.	Pennsylvania Insurance Co.	490	400
325 do.	New Castle Rail Road,	35 1-4 36	25
100 do.	North American Bank,	456	400
100 do.	Camden & Amboy R. R.	145	100
5 do.	Chesapeake & Del. Canal,	46 1-4	200
50 do.	West Phila. Rail Road,	12	15

$3000	State, 5 per cents,	106½	110 100
$3000	Lehigh Loan, do.	104 3	97 100
$150	State, 5 per cents,	105 3	106 100
$1426	do. do.	105 4	106 100
$2000	Lehigh Loan, 6 per cent.	104 3	98 100

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Birds at Sea, seventy miles from Land.—The Charleston Mercury states that during the late gale at the south, while the schr. Laura, Captain Walker, was in about latitude 33, North and to the Eastward of the Gulf Stream, about 70 miles from land, she was visited by a very large number of land birds, which appeared to have been blown off by the wind, and blowing very hard from North to Northwest.—Many were swept beyond the vessel, and in the endeavour to return on board, fell exhausted into the water and perished. A great number came on board, and were sheltered in the cabin.—72 were killed and eaten by the sailors. As near as can be recollected the following Birds were identified:—red-headed Woodpeckers, Reed Birds, Mocking Birds, Blue Jays, Stone Plovers, large Blue Herons, and Night Herons. They remained with the vessel until the gale abated, when such as were able, took their departure for the land. At the same time immense flocks of wild geese were seen flying over, some of which manifested a disposition to alight on the rigging.

Chesnut Street Theatre.

MAD. CELESTE! for This Night Only!!

Saturday Evening, November 21st, 1835,

Will be presented the National Drama of the

WEPT OF THE WISH-TON-WISH.

HOPE GOOL, MADEMOISELLE
NARAMATTAH, CELESTE

To conclude with the very popular Drama of

THE FRENCH SPY!!!

Mathilde de Merie, MADEMOISELLE
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Hamet Cornualy,

Monday, Mr. Balls at Tangent, in the Way to get Married.

AMERICAN THEATRE, WALNUT STREET.

Saturday Evening, November 21st, 1835,

Will be presented Shakespeare's Tragedy of

RICHARD THE THIRD.

RICHARD, ... MR. ADDAMS.

After which, 1st time, a new Drama, called

BLACK ANGUS OF THE EVIL EYE.

Black Angus, ... Mr. Reed.

A New Tragedy, written expressly for Mr. Addams will shortly be produced.

PHRENOLOGY.

A COURSE of Lectures on Phrenology, will

Yesterday this spice of Eden,
Then given to all his flowers,
My Starved Daughter could you See
My woman fairer fairer.

My starved daughter could you see,
You were you would be struck;—
My daughters all are charming girls;
Two mothers have such luck,
My starved somewhat other child—
All bitterly he began weep;
And my second daughter's face
Is not pretty dark, then reign!

My second daughter quite her spouse,—
She's quite a picture wife!
And he adores her—well he may—
For man had such a life!
But she's had married several men
Till he had won her heart!
And my second darling's just the same,—
They're seldom known apart.

The husband oft has pressed my hand,
While sung verses in her eyes,
And said, "You brought my Roman up—
With you the gentle lies"
To make her a domestic wife,
I own was all my aim;
And my second is domestic too,—
My spouse was the same.

Now do you know, I've often thought
The oldest of the two
(She's married, as I may speak out)
Would just have suited you!
You never saw her?—how shall I
My oldest girl portray?
Oh! say second is her counterpart,
And her you'll meet to-day.

For the Saturday Evening Post.

EXCERPTS.

In never certain of what has not yet happened.—Johnson.

That key is brightest which is most used.—*Dr. Franklin.*

The greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.—*Goldsmith.*

Every man thinks all are quarrel but himself.

"Habits are most accurate, but when we strive to have them off, 'tis being they'd alive."

"Imperial Cæsar, dead and turned to clay, may serve to stop a hole to keep the wind away."

A man highly pleased others not himself.

A man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still.—*Hudibras.*

Scandal was like the lightning's flash, which though it strikes, spread ruin and death son around.

Playful wit is the mistress's glance, which though it darts and delights, yet does not harm.

Search into those you call unfortunate, and you will find that they have been sinners.

"Our doubts are traitors—and we lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt."—S. A. W.

The Barrel-Organ Nuisance.—We overheard the following conversation a few days ago between two *professors* of the barrel organ:

"I say, *Bill*, one is as you always gets so much more than our one, you your organ isn't worth as much as mine by five shillin' and you plays nothing but old Robin Gray, and the Duke of York's March, and God save the King, and the Undred-and-Fourth Psalm, and such like, via I force up with the Lancers' Chorus, and Come sweet Thou, and Bonnets o' Blue, and lots of genteel tunes."

"Yy, I'll tell you 'ow it is; you are von I goes to see a bargain, I gets von as bad out o' chume as I can, vile you does nothing but lub hout for a good un. *No* nobody takes no notice on you; but von I begins to flare up with mine, the gentlemen hopens the vasly, and chucks me sixpence to go away.

"How many kinds of motions are there," and a pedant at phrases to one of his very bright pupils. "Three, Sir," was the reply. "Those? name them." "The Retrograde, the Progressive, and the *third still motion.*"

Adventure between a Hottentot and a Lion.—The great show in was exceedingly full, and the country abounded in spring birds; one of our Hottentots thought he perceived one among the grass, and crept close up to it in order to make sure of his shot, when on rising to discharge his piece, he found himself close upon a large male lion, which instantly set up a loud roar. The man fled, and being near the wagon, was not pursued by the lion. The manner in which he related the story was exceeding amusing, and characteristic of the Hottentots. "I saw," said he, "a speckl bok, which I made sure of having in the pot on night; but when I got close to it I found it was the governor, I was just going to fire, when he asked me in a loud tone, 'What are you going to do?' 'Oh, said I, 'beg your pardon. I did not know it was your honour, or I should not have presumed to have drawn on your you. I hope your honour will not consider it an insult, and I shall instantly go.' So I scrampered away a great deal quicker than I went to him.—*Sir-mon's Gambrings in South Africa.*

All travellers, particularly of the eccentric tragedian, Mr. Booth, was called to an engagement by our friend Mr. C. H. Eaton. Both were engaged to perform at the same time in Washington—and the play in which they were to open was Othello. In the morning Mr. Eaton attended at the theatre, but not logo in the shape of Mr. Booth appeared—and of course there was no Othello. The rehearsal was over, and walking through Pennsylvania Avenue, Mr. Eaton encountered the delinquent. "Ah, Mr. Eaton," said the latter, "pardon me that I was not at the theatre." "Oh, s'e or no consequence," answered Mr. E. "we can tolerably get along very well." But it would be better to have a rehearsal," urged Mr. Booth—"because you take my arm, and rehearse as the avenue." They walked on, and the rehearsal proceeded. They met a friend who was to fill of some importance, and proposed to him that he should take the place of the disappointed messenger. The gentleman consented upon the liberal and good humoured terms of the speaker, a leg of lamb dressed across him, he dragged his certain square adjoining dining room—the gentleman a bottle of wine, and the business. The business was declared to be admirably managed. An old cracked hat much worn on his head, a cloak on his back, and about behind a pair of dressers would take a hint and present, with a dirty cloth on each side of his face, and behold the hunter present to the eye of the spectator. Mr. Booth, "I was in pursuit of you. I want to have your perform at my theatre. I will give you one hundred dollars for your nights' perform mance. The magnanimous answered with great gravity—No, sir, I can't engage with you on those terms. I require two hundred and a clean shirt!" The money was produced. "I'm not trifling, sir, I mean what I say. I will give you the money down!" Mr. B. opened his purse, and displayed a shirt the "worse for wear." "Yes sir, or the condition I am in. Two hundred and a clean shirt." Mr. Booth, I make a proper offer, sir—will you engage with me for two hundred?" And a clean shirt—exclaimed the actor without moving a muscle. "I have a shirt that you are welcome to," said Mr. Eaton. "Then, Mr. Manager," said Booth, "I can't engage with you. And the two walked on, while the rehearsal proceeded. They went to Mr. Eaton's room, where, without the least interruption of our dialogue, the shirt was produced, and Mr. B. doubled himself, and put it on—and then sought the street again. Soon the manager reappeared. "Well, Mr. Booth, will you accede to my terms?" "No," answered he, displaying his bosom, *I've got a clean shirt!*—*B. Gorlay.*

A half-starver sought stealing a loaf, by the loaf itself.—A friend relates to us an amusing piece of thievery, which took place not long since, not a thousand miles from our goodly village. Two persons unknown to each other, agreed a piece at half times a loaf and filled on on and left a over night in his barn, was pended with a stick between the flasks, in the usual way. They agreed that one should mount the cross stick and cut away, while the other kept watch. He kept scrupulously commenced operations, when the stick kept bouncing and shaking, the ribs crushed and fairly looked him inside the carcass, his arms extending above his head, and his feet projecting from the neck of the sack, his companion fled, leaving the prisoner to be released from his confinement by the owner of the oil, who happen opening his barn at sunrise, greeted him with a hearty good morning.—*Augusta Camel Telegraph.*

THEATRICAL ANECDOTE.—The following anecdote was told by Mr. Murray, the manager of the Edinburg Adelphi theatre, last week, in the course of an address delivered on the occasion of the benefit of the house. He gave it as the authority of John Kemble, who related it to him at the time when his prospects were not of the brightest character:—A provincial manager, whose season had been extremely disastrous, determined to make one grand effort to retrieve his fortunes, and accordingly he sent epistles to all the principal actors, which was to terminate with a view of the British Isles, and a magnificent temporary of Lord Rodney. Public curiosity was excited by the unusual effort and at an early hour the house was crowded. The play was Hamlet, but the hero could not be found; at the evening. But time! the actor, from whose crown, was passed all the social magnificence was to spring, was more addicted to his glass than his patrons, and, upon Lord Rodney and the British fleet caused only in the "round o ape" of the disgusted manager. Time—Twelve o'clock presented, and put an floor—no Adonis. Never did the humbling garment of Gobetsha, in the memorable 1700, part for the arrival of the gallant Rodney with more anxiety than did our baffled manager. But in vain—word was brought that the unmerciful painter was drunk in bed, and nothing remained but to pause the hour, and to dismiss the impatient the money. In this moment of agony, the hesitation of the principal banker in the town, presented himself, and said, "Well, Master Manager, master this hundred of your house turning out so well to night, and I think it is a payment for this have left ourselves." "Sir, I am at your service." "Well, Sir, I will give you one hundred dollars for your nights' perform mance. The magnanimous answered with great gravity—No, sir, I can't engage with you on those terms. I require two hundred and a clean shirt!" The money was produced. "I'm not trifling, sir, I mean what I say. I will give you the money down!" Mr. B. opened his purse, and displayed a shirt the "worse for wear." "Yes sir, or the condition I am in. Two hundred and a clean shirt." Mr. Booth, I make a proper offer, sir—will you engage with me for two hundred?" And a clean shirt—exclaimed the actor without moving a muscle. "I have a shirt that you are welcome to," said Mr. Eaton. "Then, Mr. Manager," said Booth, "I can't engage with you. And the two walked on, while the rehearsal proceeded. They went to Mr. Eaton's room, where, without the least interruption of our dialogue, the shirt was produced, and Mr. B. doubled himself, and put it on—and then sought the street again. Soon the manager reappeared. "Well, Mr. Booth, will you accede to my terms?" "No," answered he, displaying his bosom, *I've got a clean shirt!*—*B. Gorlay.*

For the Saturday Evening Post.

ANSWERS.—The late *Judge Peters*, who with many excellent qualities possessed facetiousness in a great degree, was used to relate a joke at his own exp ense, which is too good to be lost.

The Judge having rode into Philadelphia from his country seat in the evening, dismounted from his horse opposite the dwelling of a gentleman in Market street, with whom he had business; but not finding a convenient to securing his horse, he backyarded to a tree opposite the street, who, touching his hat, asked in the dulcet of his country.—"What ?I yer honour be pleased for till hev?" "Hold my horse, my lad," said the Judge, "while I just go into this house for a few minutes." "Please yer honour, will he bite?" "Eh, no." "Will he kick?" "No, no." "Can one safely hold him?" "Yes, my good fellow, safely." "Well then, yer honour 'll be pleased to be after hoolin,' hoon yours."

So saying, he returned to his work, but not until the Judge, delighted with his naive wit, threw him a piece of silver in testimony of his satisfaction.

In the town of M——, lived an old pen-lemon of that description of beside yclept bachelors, who for many long rebellious years, had withstood the earnest solicitations of his friends to enter into the state of matrimony. Lately, however, he seemed to regret his long celibacy, and one evening, his friends finding him in an unusually pliable mood, gathered around him, and at length prevailed upon him to "pop the question" to a neighboring female, who, they had no doubt, was disposed to let slip no opportunity of exchanging single blessedness for matrimonial felicity. To this lady therefore, he "onward proceed his way," and knowing from experience the "shortness of time," and having a decided aversion to any thing romantic, he resolved to adopt the most concise way of "dispatching business." On knocking at the door, the maiden in a presented herself, and having ascertained to be "her," he proceeded to "explain." "Madam," said he, "my friends wish me to be married; they think you will suit me. I have no objection—I give you a fortnight to consider of my good day me'sam," leaving the astonished dame to meditate on the proposition. On the eve of the day fortnight, when she had proved that "hope deferred maketh the heart sick," a genteel rap was heard at the door, and, with a trembling delight, she proceeded to open it, when a voice she had once heard and had never forgotten, enquired, "Well madam have you decided about the business I named to you?" She blushed and as pleasantly as she could, said something about "not wishing to disoblige Mr. H——'s friends, nor go out of the order of Providence, the little time allowed her," &c. when the gallant suitor cut her short by replying, "Madam, I see which way your inclination turns—this day week we will be married."—*N. E. Galaxy.*

Anecdote of Cats.—Cats are generally persecuted animals, and are supposed to show little attachment to those who are kind to them. I have known a cat, however, evince great uneasiness during the absence of its owner; and it is stated that when the Duke of Norfolk was committed to the Tower, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, a favorite cat made her way into the prison room by getting down the chimney. Cats have been known to do their best to protect the property of their masters, as well as dogs. A man who was retained to transport, upon his trial, informed me after his conviction that he and two others broke into the house of a gentleman near Hampton Court; while in the act of plundering it, a large black cat flew at one of the robbers, and fixed her claws on each side of his face. He added, that he never saw a man so much frightened as he the cat. A family residing at Newcastle, went one summer to Tynemouth, leaving the house in the care of two female servants. One evening when the servants were sitting together in the kitchen, their attention was attracted by a cat, which went up into a laundry over the kitchen, and then returned to them and mewed. The cat did this so often, that the girls went up stairs. When they went into the laundry, they found a man concealed in the chimney. One of them fainted, and the other gave the alarm; but, in the mean time, the man made his escape out of the window, and over the roof of the adjoining house.

A Marriage For in Farthings.—A few mornings ago, a young man named Saunders, a constable, belonging to the K division of Police, presented himself, with a young woman whom he was about to make his wife, and three or four friends, at the altar of Stepney church, for the purpose of being married. The rector, the Rev. Dr. Beaty, having ascertained that the banns had been regularly published, and that no objection was offered to the union, proceeded with the solemn ceremony, and married the young couple. As soon as the reverend doctor had concluded, and a regular registry had been entered, the newly-married pair left the church in a cheerful manner, and having united the string, emptied its contents (433 farthings) on the vestry table, observing at the same time, that his reverence would find it all right. The reverend gentleman, who, as well as the clerk, appeared somewhat astonished at the circumstance, asked Saunders what he meant by such conduct, and told him that, as a policeman, he should have known better. Saunders replied that he did not think there was any thing censurable in his conduct in what he had done. He added, that he had made up his mind to get married as soon as he could after he had saved as much farthings as would pay the marriage fee. Immediately after forming the determination, he commenced putting by all the farthings which came into his hands in the way of business; and having ascertained that he had accumulated the requisite number, he had the banns published. Mr. Beaty made some attempts to reason the lad in such a shape; but Saunders observed he could not see how he could object to that which was the current coin of the realm. The reverend gentleman finding that he was not likely to get any other response, contented himself with the remark, saying that he had counted it already more than one hundred times, and therefore felt convinced his reverence would find 8s, or 432 farthings, in the parcel.—The bridegroom, with his bride and friends, then left the church.

A singular circumstance occurred while I was at Tunis. The Sapatap, or prime Minister, a Georgian, about thirty six years of age, was sent, on account of his extreme beauty, a present from the Grand Seignior to the Bey of Tunis. The Bey became very much attached to him, and from rank to rank he rose at length to that of Sapatap.

Nearly about the same time, a young girl was sent, a Georgian by birth, and extremely beautiful. She was in time taken into favor, and placed in the harem of the Bey.

About six months before my arrival, she declared to some of the women in the harem, that the Sapatap, whom she had seen through the lattice, and whom she had not met before for sixteen or seventeen years, although living in the same place together, was her brother. This was mentioned to him; he laughed at the idea, and said he had no relation that had any knowledge of him whatsoever; that he had himself a very slight recollection of his family, &c. &c. The was reported to her. She sank into a deep melancholy. Such language, and such conduct, in the village of ice was removed to one of the country seats of the Bey. His Highness told his sapatap, that she still insisted that she was his sister, and desired him to go and relieve her mind on the subject, as otherwise she certainly would die. He went and saw her. She was greatly agitated. "You say you are our sister," said the sapatap. "Yes," said she "I am." "How many children had your parents?" "You and myself," she replied. "What were their names?" She gave the names of her father and mother. "Then," said he, "if you are my sister, you have a scar on the upper part of your left arm, where a dog bit you." She stripped up her sleeve and exposed the arm. He felt on her neck and embraced her. "You are indeed my sister," he said, but she was then dying. Dr Heap was sent for. He accompanied him to the place of her residence, while I heard the story from the mouth of the sapatap, he shed abundance of tears. In a few days she was a corpse, and he was the most wretched of brothers.—*Com. Porter's Letters.*

The Stews of Lock Ouch.—A solitary wild swan may be seen on Loch Ouch. It has sailed there for 30 or 40 years, in summer and winter, "with arched neck between its white wings mantling." It had a mate, but about twenty years ago, the master of a trading vessel (more wanonly barbarous than the Duke of Cumberland when he burned the old castle of Invergary) shot the bird. The Glengary swan, however, kept its solitary range. Last winter, three other swans lighted on the Lake; they remained a month or two, and it was thought the recluse would depart with them. But it had apparently no desire to change its wonted station. As swans have been known to live upwards of a century, we hope this faithful bird will escape accidents and cruelty, and live through two or three generations more to grace the shores of Loch Ouch.—*Inverness Courier.*

ANSWERS.—The origin of singular names of individuals is sometimes truly laughable. In illustration of this we give the following:—The father of Reuben S. Meigs was born at Middletown, Connecticut. For some time prior to his nativity, his mother, who was a fair Quakeress of Middlefield, some few miles from his father's residence, and found much difficulty in obtaining bed and board. She repeatedly answered his protestations of fidelity and attachment with "Nay, Jonathan, I respect thee much, but cannot marry thee—but better is a dinner of herbs and contentment, than a stalled ox and contention therewith." Mr. Meigs finally told Beth that he was paying her last visit as a lover, and should strive to form an alliance with another family, and would therefore bid her farewell. The kind and kingfashioned word, pronounced with so much feeling, fell upon her heart with heavy weight at its time; and as he mounted his horse to ride off, the Quakeress, relenting, back cried to him to stop, exclaiming, "Return Jonathan! Return Jonathan! Mr. Meigs went back, and fixed upon a day for the celebration of the nuptials. The first fruit of these unions was a son, which the father, in commemoration of the happiest moments he had ever heard spoken, had baptized "Reuben Jonathan," which name in destinuous, and subsequently to the office of post-master general of the United States.

When Jackson was in the zenith of his fame, he did almost as he pleased. Kemble went to him to ask him aid in *Hamlet*. This Charles was inclined to consider *infra dig.* "The national sooper play this Hector! The fort is, you may tell Mr. Kemble that I'll play one of the thrown to my Hamlet, I will play a Hector, or any out he likes, to his Hamlet."

A Game Consumption.—A certain young couple were recently married at Grand Gorge, and the family demanded five guineas for his services. "How is that?" said the bridegroom, "the poor lemon you last married charged me four he only gave a guinea." "True," said the Squire, "but he was an Indian, I have consulted my time before, he is a Indian—you I may never see again."

From the Farmers' Reporter.

MOZART.

It happened that Mozart was trying one fine morning in his bed, his writing to live him, when his young wife entered to inform him that a very unmannerly being, the butcher, was down stairs with his bill. Mozart, who had been for some time composing over the last grand opera, the immortal Clemenza di Tito, was just arranging in his fancy, one of the most beautiful airs. He neither heard nor saw his wife. She, a lively kind soul of rather practical views, who had been shortly before married to a young artist, stood waiting for a while, expecting her information; but no answer followed her words. Seeing the young artist by the elbow, she began to repeat the butcher's account. Mozart was writing without intermission; feeling however his arm touched, and hearing sounds whose tenor seemed not to correspond with the harmonious notes of his soul, he shot his arm with his left hand, writing with the right as quickly as the notes could be scribbled. A second shake of his wife followed; Mozart, growing an etcous, seized his walking stick, and his wife alarmed at so strange an outburst, hastened to the door. The whole had passed without Mozart being in the least conscious of it. She ran down a aire with tears in her eyes, telling the butcher that her husband could not be spoken to, and that he must come another time. But the man of blood was not easily to be diverted—he must have his bill settled and speak with M. himself—or he would send round another corpse of *mort*. He ascended the stairs. Mozart, instinctively conscious that something had passed in his presence, had continued pouring the fill stream of his phantasy on paper, when the heavy heavies a mere dud in the hall. His stick was still in his hand. Without turning his eyes from the scrap, he held the stick aga ainst the door, to keep out the intruders. But the steps were approaching. Mozart, more anxious, hurried as fast as he could, when a rap at the door demanded entrance to enter. The beautiful effusion was in danger of being lost. The affrighted composer cast a fugitive glance at the stick: *it was few short.* With an anxious hardening on phrenzy, he look d round his room, and a pole standing behind the curtain caught his eye; this he seized, holding it with all his might against the door—writing like fury all the while. The knob was turned, and the pole withstood the first effort. A pause succeeded; words were heard on the staircase, and the intruders renewed their efforts a second time. The strength of the composer seemed to increase with his anxiety. Large drops of perspiration stood on his forehead. Stamping the pole against his left breast, with the force of despair he still kept out his visitors—he aggreeded but for a moment; yet it was a precious moment—the delightful air was poured on the paper; it was saved!

Such had been the anxiety, fear and despair of the composer, so intense his feelings, that his bodily strength was not equal to stand the powerful effort of his soul. Scarcely were his offensive arms gone, when his strength left him—the pole dropped from his hand, and he fell back on his pillow exhausted. The door opened, and his wife with the formidable butcher entered. Pale, unconscious of every thing, the son of Euterpe lay on the bed, his forehead bathed in cold sweat. The wife, terror struck at the sight, rushed to her beloved husband; she raised his bleeding head, embraced him—when his eyes opened, and looking round with surprise, they fell upon the invaluable scrap still before him.

"Mr. Mozart," said the butcher.

"Hal, hall," cried the composer, seizing the manuscript and leaping at the same time out of bed, and waving the scrap over the piano-forte. Down he sat, and the most delightful air that was ever heard, resounded from the instrument. The eyes of his wife, and even of the butcher, began to moisten. Mozart finished the tune, rose again and running to his writing desk, he filled out what was still wanting.

"Well, Mr. Mozart," said the butcher, when the artist had finished, "you know I am to marry" "No, I do not," said M., who had somewhat recovered from his musical stance. "Well then you know it now, and you also know that you owe me money for music." "I do," said the composer, "I do, I do," said the man, under whose blood-stained coat beat a feeling heart, "just make me a fine waltz for my marriage hall, and I will cancel the debt, and let you have meat for a whole year to come." "It is a bargain," cried the lively and gifted M. And down he sat, and a waltz was elicited from the instrument; such a waltz as never before had set the dance-loving butcher's feet in motion. "Meat for a year, did I say?" exclaimed the enraptured tradesman; "no, one hundred ducats you shall have for this waltz; but I want it with trumpets, and thumpers, and fiddles—you know here—and so on, you know." "You shall have it," said M., who scarcely treated his cars, "and in one hour you may send for it."

The liberal minded butcher retired. In an hour the waltz was set in full orchestra mose. The butcher had returned, delighted with the music, and M. with his hundred ducats—a sum more splendid than he ever received from the emperor (of Germany,) for the greatest of his operas.

It is to this incident the lovers of harmony are indebted for one of the most charming trifles, the celebrated *aere waltz*, a piece of music still unrivalled.

RURAL ECONOMIST.

"*The Gardener's Manual.*"—We have been favoured by *Charles F. Crosman*, the author, with a publication under the above title, 24 pp. 12 mo. containing plain and practical directions for the cultivation and management of some of the most valuable Culinary Vegetables. It is a very useful little manual, and is issued to accompany the Garden Seeds raised in the "United Society at New Lebanon." We intend to copy liberally from it, as season for next year's operations. In the meantime we select the following paragraphs, appropriate to this season:

The Tomato.—There are but few who relish the tomato at first sight; and few who are not extremely fond of it when properly cooked and prepared, as customed to it. It is considered by physicians and others acquainted with its effects, not only a very delicious, but a very harmless and wholesome vegetable; indeed, some will give a decided preference to a dish of *tomato sauce* or a tomato pie, when properly prepared, to any thing else on the vegetable kingdom. The experience of several years in raising and using this vegetable in various ways, enables us to recommend it to all who are desirous of obtaining a cheap and delicious fruit for the table. There is no vegetable more easily raised, and none better pay the cultivator where they are generally known. They are used in various ways, either raw, with sugar, or a vessel for sauce, or in fricassees and soups; but catsup or gravy, for meat and for pies or preserves, as well as for pickles and sweet meats.

For the information of those not acquainted with the *tomato*, we may wish to try the experiment, we give the following directions for preparing and cooking them. Take them when ripe and red, dip them into scalding water, and take off all the skin, cut them in quarters and scrape out the seeds; then put them into a clean stewpan and let them simmer about fifteen minutes, then put in a little butter and pepper, stir them a few minutes and they are done. Some prefer adding some crumbs of wheat bread or grated crackers. For pies or preserves the tomato requires a little more sugar than the peach, though equally palatable. The process of making is much the same as with other fruit. Tomatoes may be preserved fresh by covering them with sugar. The green fruit is often pickled, like the cucumber or pepper. When prepared, according to the follows:—2 ounces, they make an excellent sauce or gravy for meat or fish.

Tomato Catsup or Catsup.—Collect the fruit when fully ripe, before any frosts appear, scald or bruise them well, and boil them slowly for half an hour, then strain them through a cloth, and put in salt, pepper and spices to suit the taste, then boil again and take off the scum that rises, so as to leave the liquid as clear as you can; keep it boiling slowly until about one third of the juice is diminished, then let it cool and put it into clear glass bottles, corked tight and kept in a cool place for use. After standing awhile, should any sediment appear in the bottles, the liquid should be poured off into other bottles, and again corked tight.

To cook Turnips.—Turnips are an excellent and very healthful vegetable if properly cooked and dressed; but many people spoil them in the cooking. It boiled in the water with cut and or salted meat, (which is a common practice in many families, then should not be peeled at all. Turnips treated in a suitable mod will be fair and smooth, and of a sweet flavor, and when first pulled, will wash white and clean without peeling. After being gathered and stowed away in the cellar or hole, the dirt adheres to them; then may them be put into a pail of warm water, so as to remove the skin, and scraped with a knife, and all clean, fit for the pot, without the least necessity of peeling. A turnip is surrounded with a coat or skin under the scurf skin, which is a common and turnip is nearly of the thickness of an orange peel. This skin is so perfectly tough and strong, by which means the turnip, or bodog, becomes completely sealed, and the sweetness is locked out; it is then unfit for the table. A better way of cooking turnips or potatoes is to strain them instead of boiling them in water.

That good sweet turnips, raised on a suitable soil, having been rank when in them, are much better cooked by cutting them into small pieces and serving them, as the Yankee do their pumpkins for pies. While stewing, mash them up in the kettle, and when sufficiently done, take them up and dress them with a little salt and butter.

To cook Salsify or Vegetable Oyster.—There are various modes of dressing and cooking the vegetable. It is very excellent boiled and mashed up like squash or turnip, with a little salt and butter. Some make soup of it; in that case it should be mashed fine to enable to thicken and increase the flavor of the soup.—Others prefer it par boiled, and then sliced up and fried in batter, or without. A writer in the *Massachusetts Agricultural Repository*, observes that "In its taste it so strongly resembles the oyster that when sliced and fried in batter, it can hardly be distinguished from it," and adds, "If your gardeners would introduce it into market, and our citizens once try it, there would be no danger of its ever being hoved or to be raised. It is up eating from November to May, constantly the period in which our vegetable market is most deficient in variety."

To cook Cauliflower.—Cut a white close and white, and of a middling size; cut the stem so as to separate the flower from the leaves below it. Let it lie in salt and water awhile; then put it into the boiling water, with a small handful of salt in it. Keep the boiler uncovered, and skim the water well. A small flower will require about fifteen minutes boiling—a large one about twice as long. Take it up as soon as a fork will easily enter the stem; a little longer boiling will spoil it. Serve it up with gravy or melted butter.

THE SILK CULTURIST.

Lisbon, May 5th, 1835.

To the Editor of the Silk Culturist.

Sir:—I am much pleased, on perusing the 6 or two numbers of your valuable little "Manual," with the manner in which you have stated the probable advantages of the culture of silk to the in ment of America; and I wish to add a few words in confirmation of your statements.

I have manufactured silk, at Spitalfields, in London, twenty years; and am perfectly acquainted with the winding, warping, and weaving of plain silks, such as Sarcenet, Satins, Grosade Naples, Florentines, Plushes, and Velvets; or figured silks, such as Florets, Tobines, Tissues, and Damasks; all of which works require very different kinds of silk. In the last six months, I have woven many pounds of silk, of *American growth*, into silk stocks for Mr. James Borrow; and I assure you, Sir, that I have seen many samples of American silk, far superior to the Bengal, China, and French silks, and nearly equal to the best Italian.

I am surprised that the farmers of America have so long neglected the culture of silk; it being so very profitable, and the climate being so well adapted to it. I have known Italian silk to be sold for a dollar an ounce, in England, before it was manufactured; and the average price is about seven dollars a pound. At the present time, the most inferior kinds of manufactured silk, imported from England, France, and China, are being sold, in this country, for nine dollars a pound; and as the cost and fair profit of manufacturing cannot exceed seven dollars, it leaves the enormous price of nine dolls a a pound for the raw silk; which price, the people of America are now paying to the people of Italy and France.

By reference to the statement of M. Carrier, in the first number of the "Culturist," I find that nearly all his silk, sold for nearly six dollars a pound; and, that on an acre of land, he raised two hundred and ninety dollars in a year. Now when we take into consideration the dandyinnagreeable nature of the climate of France, compared to that of America, it appears to our view a mine of wealth for the farmers of this country.

In this letter, I have endeavored to show the advantages of the silk trade in an individual point of view; should you deem this worth insertion, I will in my next letter, point out the advantages of the silk trade, to the community at large.

Yours, &c. WILLIAM CARPENTER.

WASTE AND REFUSE SILK.

In winding of the silk from the cocoons, whether perfect or imperfect, the finest and best threads are not those which are first spun out; on the contrary, the first threads which come off the cocoon are coarse, uneven, and unfit for use in the silk manufactories, either of the stuffs, twist or sewing silk. This loose, fuzzy substance, which is about one-tenth part of the whole silk on the cocoon, is called the "waste and refuse," and English *floss*, from the Latin *floss*, flowers, and which reminds us of *ices a non lucendo*. As soon as the threads of silk in the process of reeling come out fine and regular, the floss is separated from them and put aside for use, as will be presently mentioned. To it are added all the threads which, either from some defect in the cocoons, or from the awkwardness of the women employed in the different operations of reeling, winding and doubling, either break off so as not to be easily united to the other threads, or come out uneven or otherwise unfit for use; these are called the *waste silk*, and added to the floss, as one with the same name. The mass boiled in soap and water, afterwards carded and spun in the spinning wheel, takes the name in French of *bourre de soie* or *floselle*. Boyer, in his dictionary, translates the word *floselle* into English by *ferret silk* or *fleet silk*. This last name is evidently a corruption, or an English pronunciation of the French word *fleuret*, *floss silk*.

This floss, ferret or fleet silk, by whatever name it may be called is employed in making silk stockings, mittens, gloves, purses, hats, caps, and, in general, all kinds of silk hosiery. I have had that the women of Connecticut knit silk stockings and mittens out of the silk which they extract from the cocoons. I shall speak of these also in their proper place.

There is nothing in it lost or wasted of the precious material produced by the silk worm. I mention this to those who understand the art of employing it. Otherwise, all experiments by those who are unskilled in the business cannot but be attended with considerable loss.

There are, then, six different kinds of silk extracted from the cocoons by processes of various kinds, or which vary more or less from each other in the manner of using them, and all of which require not only skill and dexterity, but knowledge acquired by long practice. I shall reassume them in the order, according to their different degrees of fineness.

1. Silk of the first quality, or singles; 2. Silk of the second quality, or organ silk; 3. Silk of the third quality, or trama silk; 4. Sewing silk of the first and second quality; 5 Cordonnet, or twist of ditto; 6. Filoselle, or floss silk.

The whole of the labor of extracting these different silks from the cocoons, and all the preparatory work until it is put in the hands of the women, who form separate tasks assigned to them in each of the various and complicated branches of this business. The workshops are superintended by an overseer, who must be master of the whole art. These are well compensated, and have no inducement to leave their country. Hence the difficulty which the nations of Europe have found in obtaining the knowledge that is indispensable for introducing the manufacture of silk among themselves. It is doubtful whether Great Britain would have possessed it, if the revocation of the edict of Nantz had not brought among them the protestant refugees from France, whose descendants even at this day are the support of the silk manufactories of *Spitalfields*. *Essays on American Silk.*

MANUFACTURE OF SILK IN CHINA.

The imaginary impossibility of manufacturing silk in this country, especially the finer and more delicate fabrics, has hitherto prevented skillful and enterprising agriculturists from engaging in its cultivation on a large and profitable scale. It has been supposed that American ingenuity was inadequate to the production of these fabrics, and that the climate, which has considered so essential to the elegance and perfection of female dress, and that we must forever be dependent on the skill and ingenuity of India and Europe for their fascination. Though the inventive genius of American Manufacturers, and particularly the Yankees, has long been proverbial, yet they have hitherto by common consent accorded to their foreign brethren a decided superiority in the manufacture of silk. It has also been supposed that European and India fabrics were constructed by aid of expensive and complex machinery without which they could not be manufactured. It is true European and Indian ingenuity and labor saving machines, by which her manufacturers are enabled to compete with the native skill of China; but after all the patient and persevering Indian succeeds in the manufacture of fabrics, which, for delicacy of texture, cannot be rivalled by the European aided by the labors of the most scientific machine.

Silk looms in Europe are of the most simple construction, but when contrasted with the contrivances in India would seem to give them a decided advantage. In India the weaver weaves his web in the open air. He first selects a station for his operations, generally under a tree that its foliage may protect him from the scorching rays of the sun. He then extends the threads which compose the warp of his intended fabric length-wise between two bamboo rollers which are fastened to the ground by means of wooden pins. He then digs a hole in the earth large enough to contain his legs in a sitting position. He next attaches to a limb of the tree the cords by which his harness is to be operated, and to the lower shafts of the harness cords with loops of sufficient size to admit the insertion of his great toes. With his web thus arranged, he is prepared to commence weaving. This he does by putting his toe into the loop of the cord attached to that part of the harness which he wishes to tread down, and then with a shuttle introduces the wool or silk up by striking the threads of the woof with the shuttle instead of a batten. The shuttle is in the form of a netting needle and larger than the breadth of the web. With this rude apparatus he manufactures a fabric of which an Italian silk weaver would be proud.

If the silk manufacture in China is so simple and so easily performed without the aid of complicated machinery, can it not be successfully and profitably prosecuted in a country abounding in machinists, with ingenuity to invent and skill to execute the most perfect machinery in the world?

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